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Royal event: Prince Henry and his mother, the Princess of Wales, photographed by Lord

Snowdon at the baby's christening in Windsor. (More photographs, page 3).

indeed with the Libyan auth-

orities. I told them they must take very special care of Mr Berdinner. I think Michael has

had enough and doesn't deserve

He said Mr Malcolm Ander-

son, an oil engineer, was "remarkably bouncy" and Mr Robin Plummer, a telephone

engineer, was bearing up well. Mr Plummer initially had not

been keen for their Christmas

No strings to Gadaffi

pledge on hostages

No strings are attached to condition but admitted to Colonel Gadaff's promises considerable concern over Management trying to secure the Michael Berdinner, an English release of the four Britons held lecturer at Tripoli University.

nostage in Libya Mr Terry "Mr Berdinner is an Waite, the Archbishop of academic and a man of some

Canterbury's special envoy, sensitivity", he said. "Being assured reporters at Gatwick deprived of his normal way of

irport last night. hife has given him a great deal of But Mr Waite added: "Only anxiety. He is in a very

Snow, fog and black ice

make roads hazardous

any more.

when our people are on the depressed state. plane and their feet are on this Before I left

soil can we say that the matter

He said the Libyan leader

siege of the Libyan People's Bureau. He described it as "the

action of a madman", bin Mr

Waite said he did not press him

for the name of the senior

bureau official responsible, and

did not know whether the man

Colonel Gadaffi had said he

would stand trial.

is over. It is not over yet."

## Tomorrow

Discerning drinking Welcome 1985 with the finest vintage champagnes Shopping sense Where to find

the bargains in the New Year sales

Money-makers The small investor's guide to the best buys in the year ahead

Wait for it Miles Kington makes some predictions which might iust come true

## Portfolio

#### £4,000 to be won

Today's Times Portfolio prize is doubled to £4,000 as there was no winner yesterday. Today's list, page 16; how to play, back page Information Service.

#### Afghanistan 'infamy' says Reagan

President Reagan said yesterday the fifth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the anniversary of a "Day of Infamy" - a reference to Roosevelt's 1941 description of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Mr Reagan's denunciation was echoed in London by Sir Geoffrey Howe, but the Moscow media largely ignored the anniversary Page 6

#### House prices up

House prices rose by an average of 14 per cent in 1984, according to a survey by the Nationwide Building Society Page 15

Senior coal board officials are

#### prepared to let the miners' strike last two more months

NCB waits

before urging a sweeping reassessment of strategy Page 2 **Battle victims** Thousands more battle-weary

refugees are streaming into Cambodian forces prepare to storm the rebel Khmers' head-Page 4

#### Indian violence

Election violence in India brought five more deaths as rival party supporters in Andhra Pradesh fought it out in the streets as well as at the bustings Page 5

#### Cheaper tours

Some package holiday com-panies are cutting prices be-cause bookings are down, but many holidaymakers face fuel and currency surcharges later because of the weak pound.

#### Island in fear

Profound pessimism and anxiety dominate Sri Lanka after the breakdown of efforts to find a political solution to the Tamil crisis. Trevor Fishlock analyses a nation at a dangerous

#### End of the road

The Monte Carlo Rally will not be staged next year because of unresolved differences among the sport's organizing bodies over money and the control of

#### **England** win

England won the second oneday international against India at Cuttack yesterday by a superior run rate. They now lead 2-0 in the five game series Page 19

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## Three plots to deal with priest, Polish court told

From Roger Boyes, Torun, Poland

officers hatched three plans to deal with the pro-Solidarity priest, Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the court was told when their trial opened here yesterday amid unprecedented security

The four men - all of them reduced to private after their arrest - are Colonel Adam Pietruszka, alleged instigator of the plot. Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski. Lieutenant Leszek Pekala and Lieutenant Waldemar Chmielewski, accused of direct involvement in Father Poplieluszko's death. They all face the death penalty for kidnapping and murder.

As the prosector, Mr Leszek Pietrasinski, read the indictment, a story unfolded of bumbling inefficieny and mis-haps in which the plot to teach Father Popieluszko a "political ended in a brutal

killing.
"They thought that Popieluszko was a dangerous man who had not abandoned his activities despite warnings and the granting of an amnesty. They thought they would be promoted instead of being blamed for thier act," the prosecutor said.

The story of the three scenarios was told by the first defendant to give evidence, Lieutenant Pakala, who also tried to shift the blame on to Piotrowski, the acknowledged ringleader.

He said that Piotrowski ummoned him and Lieutenant Chmielewski, to his office in early October and asked them if they wanted to take part in a dangerous mission which could lead to the death of Popieluszko. The captain had told them there was no need to be afraid because he would be personally responsible to his superiors. There were three plans, Pekala told the crowded court-

The first was to kidnap and hold the priest in a wartime bunker in the forest between Warsaw and Gdansk, to frigh-

Four Polish secret police ten him and make him reveal image of the priest attached to names of those in the Solidarity underground.

Plan two was to takehim to the bridge over the Vistula near both of Modlyn - a two-hour drive the case. from Torun - and to suspend the priest over the river, again to intimidate him.

The third plan was even more ruthless: The priest's car would be intercepted with a hail of stones, forced to crash and then burnt complete with occupants. The policemen had managed to obtain 20 litres of rationed petrol for the purpose. The three men tried to carry out the plan on October 13 - the subject of a separate attempted murder charge - but were foiled by the swift reactions of the

Pekala, a 32-year-old elec-tronic engineering graduate, sat impassively for much of the hearing, wrapped in a sheepskin coat. He spoke for four hours in low, barely audible voice, effectively pleading guilty but saying he did not intend to murder Father Popieluszko. His testimony was often confused and though he tried to disayow a concrete plan to kill the priest, he admitted that two bags of stones - to weh down the body were taken in the get-away vehicle.

The authorities were taking no chances. A police helicopter circled overhead, water cannons stood ready and militia blocked roads to the courthouse. Guarded by anti-terrorist commandos, the four defendants were taken to the courtroom by an underground tunnel from the heavily fortified investigation prison. They were led into court in manacles but were unlocked when they reached the dock where they were sandwiched between uniformed police officers. At one Popieluszko's family was represented by three lawyers who have often defended Solidarity activists in the past. His

his lapel, sat next to the former Solidarity leader, Mr Seweryn Jaworski and the priest's driver both of whom are witnesses in

Chmiezewski, Lieutenant who will give evidence today when the court reconvenes, was particularly nervous. The 29-year-old bachelor constantly twitched on the right side of his the skin to keep his expression under control. By contrast Colonel Adam Pietruszka and Captain Piotrowski seemed models of calm. Piotrowski in particular had no inhibitions about contradicting the judge when details of his life were read out.

Piotrowski seems to be the key to the case. He had given little away in the early interrogations but many, including government ministers, appear to believe that if a link is to be established with shadowy hardliners in the party establishment, then it will be only if Piotrowski names names.

The security precautions as thus as much to protect the life of the accused killers as to prevent the remote prospect of Solidarity demonstrations.

Solidarity sympathizers, some of whom promenaded around the courthouse wearing religious badges, are alert to the possibility of a cover-up. One union leader, Mr Jan Rulewski, speaking in a church near the courthouse, said the case had far wider implications than just four over-zealous officers - it reflected on the whole operation of the Interior Ministry.

However, the Polish authorities have not been shy about publicizing the trial - television shots were shown on the early evening news bulletin - and have allowed a small number of side of the dock sat black- Western news agency reporters bereted commandos. Father and one newspaper correspondent into the courtroom. Polish journalists also attended the opening of the trial, although it remains to be seen what, if brother, a badge carrying the anything, will appear in print.



Four accused (all hatless): Front row, Piotrowski and Pekala. At rear, Chmielewski and

anticipated in banking.

hoping to recruit.

the South coast.

changes had been correct.

Birch the chief constable is

chairman of the traffic com-

Chief Constables, a spokesman said that the number of drinking and driving cases had

risen proportionately this year.

Up to midnight of December 26, a total of 245 people had been arrested after 813 breath

tests, compared with 251 last

enough to constitute a drink-

The public sector continues

to cut back on jobs, with 20 per

cent of utilities and authorities

expecting to reduce manpower

in the first quarter of next year.

### Job prospects 'best for five years'

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Job prospects for the early to add to staff and 12 per cent to months of next year are the best out back. Retailing remained an for five years, Manpower, the area of healthy job growth, temporary employment agency, while only a modest net rise was temporary employment agency,

Of 983 employers questioned, 4 per cent expected to increase their workforce in the first three months of the year. This compared with 13 per cent who expected to cut staff. A year ago 18 per cent of

employers expected to increase staffing, and 17 per cent to reduce them. In the three endof-year surveys before that, a heavy net reduction in employment was foreseen. Manufacturing industry was

noticeably more optimistic about employment, with 27 per cent of companies expecting to hire more workers and only 12 per cent to slim.

Car makers, manufacturers and electrical and computer companies were expecting to recruit most in the coming

In the services sector, 23 per cent of companies were hoping

By David Cross

Police forces around the

country yesterday reported a

disappointing start to the ritual

end-of-year campaign against

Of 20 police authorities

contacted by The Times, five

reported an increase in drinking and driving offences, three said

that the situation was roughly

the same as last year, and only

two noted a decline in the

number of drivers exceeding the

prescribed limits. A further ten

authorities, mostly those with a

large number of figures to collate, had not yet worked out

any comparisons with last

drunken drivers.

Man-made comet launched

Scientists yesterday pro-duced the first artificial comet western hemisphere.

A National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist Mr Gil Ousley, project man-ager of the joint \$70 million (£58 million) US-British-West compared with only II per cent Regionally, job prospects are strongest in East Anglia, the West, and London and the Home Counties. The job market is weakest in Scotland, the Midlands. the North East, South Wales and, surprisingly, the South coast

All operations went as planned and aircraft took good pictures of the comet by flying ground observation points.

The Manpower jobs survey now in its 18th year, covered employers with a total of more than 3 million workers. Of companies which took part, 82 per cent said that their previous survey forecasts of employment

Austin Rover recruitment,

mittee of the Association of the spokesman said.

## From Our Own Correspondent Washington'

in space when they released two canisters of barium from a West German satellite over the

times its diameter.

above the clouds that covered The experiment ws part

magnetic field.

Each of the three nations in the project launched a satellite

Continued on back page, col 6 | snow drifts.

lights, the spokesman said.

overwhelming majority of driv-

## ould recommend to the Libyan People's Congress that the four Britons should be released and the file closed.

Two minutes before he left Tripoli, Mr. Waite had been presented by Libyan officials with a return airline ticket in order that he could attend the Congress on January 5.

Mr Waite said the four hostages were in reasonable

German experiment, said the barium formed a comet with a tail 7.500 miles long, about 50

the Active Magnetospheric Particle Tracer Explorers pro-ject to measure the earth's

on August 16 from the Kennedy

Not enough drivers 'stay low' over Christmas people are taking risks with drinking and driving this year period the final figure of drink- 'ally appeared to have heeded

Country and icy conditions in Hertfordshire and Essex

Main roads were gritted

throughout Britain, and speed

restrictions were imposed on the M62 and A1 (M) near Durham on the M1 in Hertford-shire, on the M4 in Berkshire

and on several stretches of the

Wales a 10-mile stretch of the

Another disquieting trend in Supt. Roger Storey of drive." Sussex was the large number of Nottinghamshire police also Lancashire police reported a "disquieting" up-ward trend in the number of drivers who had exceeded the defective vehicles on the road. Of a total of 5,420 vehicles stopped for roadside checks, nearly 1,800 had defects, about motorists who had failed breath a third of them with faulty tests ater being involved, in traffic accidents. This was In the Avon and Somerset currently running at 8.3 per cent area, a police spokesman said of those tested after an accident, Of equal concern there was area, a police spokesman said the relatively large number of that people were clearly not people who had a drink before taking the anti-drinking camcompared with 4.9 per cent over

driving their cars, albeit not paign seriously enough. The mas and New Year period. "The majority of people driving offence. Nearly half of ers checked for excess alcohol in involved in positive tests were those who had passed breath their blood had exceeded the young men with an average age tests had consumed some limits and if this trend con- of 22 years, he said. The older In Sussex where Mr Roger alchohol. "The point is that tinued into the New Year gerneration and women gener-

driving offences, would be the county's publicity campaign substantially up on last year, the spokesman added.

any appeared to have needed the county's publicity campaign based on the maxim: "Stay alive for 85 - Don't drink aild

between junctions 17 and 18.

drivers who had exceeded the alcohol limit arrested after road accidents. Despite a tough preholiday campaign to urbe deivers to stay off drink altogether, a total of 23 motorists were arrested after the whole of last year's Christ accidents, compared with only eight during the period up to and including Boxing Day last

> However, the total number of drivers given breath tests; and Continued on back page, cot 6

## Kinnock may face challenge from left By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Growing dissatisfaction on the Labour left over Mr Neil Kinnock's attitude to the coal strike has strengthened the belief of well placed left sources that he will be challenged for the party leadership next year.

An article in The Times yesterday by Mr James Curren the former editor of New Socialist and a prominent figure on the left, in which he stated that Mr Tony Benn was stated that IVIT 100y Benn was considering contesting the leadership, has hardened speculation which began lest month when members of the Campaign group of left-wing MPs-voiced discontent over Mr Kinnock's stance on the miners' dispute

His refusal to attend the railies organized by the National Union of Mine-workers, his action in speaking of the possibility of the miners being defeated, and his delay in going on to a miners' picket line has angered constituency and trade union activists.

Sources close to Mr Benn suggested yesterday that, al-though he would come under pressure to run against Mr Kinnock, it was unlikely that he would do so.

The same sources, however, said that there could be a challenge of some kind to Mr Kinnock from the left. Mr Dennis Skinner, the left-wing MP for Bolsover and a member of the party's national execu-tive, is frequently mentioned as a possible candidate. He has made no secret of his opposition to Mr Kinnock's bandline of the dispute.

It is accepted by all sections of the party that Mr Kinnock would easily beat any chal-

It is pointed out by sup-porters of Mr Kinnock that the "fundamentalist" left, which they say people such as Mr Curran and Mr Skinner rep-resent, is losing influence and has been deserted in several recent key party votes by former supporters, including Mr Michael Meacher and Mr David Blunkett.

party with several more months of internal argument that it could do without. That may not

interest rates. Dealers now expect American rates to rise Money market rates firmed The pound, meanwhile, conbe", he said.

tinued to look vulnerable as financial markets awaited the outcome of the meeting of oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Geneva.

evel of \$1:1643 yesterday. I

later dropped further to \$1.1610 in New York. The sterling index

The dollar was strong in spite

of last week's reduction in US

fell 0.03 to 73.3.

yesterday.

The pound has fallen by nearly 27 cents against the dollar since the beginning of the Details, page 13 Day service to be televised but year.

**Sterling** falls to new low By Our Economics. --- Correspondent The pound fell by 1.07 cents o a record low London closing

It is not denied, however. that a contest would kind the

One leading figure said not measured up to the lob. "There is a fair chance that be will be challenged; he cught to

There are no signs that Mr Kinnock will alter his position on the miners' dispute to suit the left. It is not expected by year message to the party at the weekend.

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cized for allegedly photograph-

ing union demonstrations and

Special Branch officers visited

schools in Eastbourne and Bexhill inquiring about the

political allegiances of teachers.

it also reports alleged Special

Branch threats in July 1977 against the children of the

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pected by the National and

Association of surveillance of a

editor of the Yorkshire Miner.

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attending

## Coal board ready to let strike last until March before making any move

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

prepared to let the miners' strike last another two months before urging a big reassessment of strategy. The crucial date os seen as March 6, the anniver-sary of the start of the dispute.

Coal board sources argue that if more than half of the miners are still on strike by the end of February the onus will be on the board and the Government to make a move.

If, however, more that half the pitmen are back at work by then, the pressure will be on the National Union of Mineworkers and the TUC to offer an olive branch, Mangers aruge that if most NUM members are at work the union will have voted with its feet". When the collieries closed before Christmas the board estimated that the fiscal year - officials do not more than 69,000 of the NUM's expect to see a flood back to

Senior coal board officials are 189,000 members were not on work: like that experienced in November after negotiations broke down.

Traditionalists at the board

still believe that the "drift back

to work" will not provide a

solution and one senior source

said it would mean that some

pitmen would simply never

return to work again. They argue that a netotiated settle-

ment is the only way out. It is

now a question of who will start

the ball rolling.
The National Working Min-

ers' Committee is determined to

encourage the return to work in

the new year is sending out speakers to Northumberland, Yorkshire and South Wales to

A spokesman said yesterday:

"They have no choice but to go back to work. The stark alternative given by Mr Arthur Scomill is a stark

Scargill is a strike until next

Meanwhile, the issue of the

Fearing that new technology

could cost at least 100,000 jobs in the industry by the year 2000,

put its point of view.

Christmas.

Officials believe that Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, would agree with their analysis, and so would area directors, but that Mr Ian MacGregor would be prepared to "stick it out" come what

The board is expecting more strikers back at work as collieries begin to open again between January 2 and 7. Area directors have begun to send letters to the homes of those still out and an advertising cam-

paign in the popular press will begin on Monday. The management expects that many "new faces" will return to work when pits open partly to take advantage of tax-free earnings before the end of

#### Striking miners praised for work on hospital

applauded yesterday for 10 months unstinting labour on huilding a leukaemia unit for the Sick Ch.ldren's Hospital in

The unit, which is an officer in the haematology extension to the haematology department, said. The miners department of the hospital, is being built with the aid of a Scottish charity, the Leukaemia Unit Fund (Scotland). Lack of cash had threatened the realization of the project until eight striking miners iffered their labour free of charge for the duration of the strike. It seems likely that the unit will open March, earlier than

Earlier this month Lady Dalkeith attended a dinner for the eight strikers to thank them strikers replaced them."

By Philip Webster

Political Reporter

Dr David Owen today pre-dicts that the Social Democratic

Party-Liberal Alliance will at

cast win the balance of power

at the next election and says

that to do so, whether by taking

60 or 200 seats, will be a victory

party again emphasizing the

need for it to be ready to take

part in a coalition government, Dr Owen says that Britain

needs a government that speaks

for the majority of the country,

which means more than 50 per

cent of the electorate.

In a new year message to his

and not a defeat.

By Paul Vallely Eight striking miners were for their assistance. She is

> Their work has been tremen-dous", Mr Brebner Miller, chief medical laboratory scientific have dug foundations, laid drains and done all manner of

> Their work has saved £20,000 on the extension and renovation work for the new unit. Mr Bill Jones, a volunteer for the Leukaemia Unit Fund, said yesterday: "They have worked five, or sometimes six, days a week since the strike began. When four of the men, who worked at Bilston Glen, decided

four-day week, which has lain dormant for a year, could become an ingredient in any settlement. The board is under-stood to be thinking of includ-ing the issue in any further talks, although it could prove to be a source of argument.

to go back to work four more stop picket line violence.

manual labour."

patron of the Leukaemia Unit

indeed we are unafraid of

sharing power with other parties

even before the voting system is

Dr Owen's readiness to

participate in coalitions has

been at the heart of his

argument that the SDP must

retain its separate identity

In a recent, little-noted speech he laid down the

guidelines which the Alliance

should operate if it did indeed

win the balance of power at the

It should be made known

before an election, he said, that

no Queen's Speech setting out

to speak for the majority of

legislative programme

within the Alliance

next election.

to ensure a government that would be accepted by the works for all the people. We Commons unless it had been

welcome the fact that govern- negotiated line by line with the

ment of more than one party party leaders who could claim will be more likely once a fairer to speak for the majority of

voters.

changed.

the NUM a year ago put forward its proposals, which included a four-day, 28-hour week with no loss of pay.
Theard wanted men to work

longer shifts underground and offered to conduct an experi-ment, but the NUM rejected the offer. A joint working party on the matter has not met sine June 1982. Mr Bill Sirs, retiring general

secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation called on miners' leaders yesterday to

SDP expects balance of power The speech and any ac-

moral duty on the Prime

Minister of a government that has the Queen's Speech accepted to ensure a period of stable government and not seek

His final condition was that if

one or more parties to a

coalition agreement felt there

system, but that this could not

form part of the agreement,

there would be a strong case for

putting the issue to a refer-

a tactical dissolution."

campaign against public sector cuts. In 1980 police officers investigated Mr James Hogg, a companying agreement would have to be endorsed by the Transport and General Workers' Union shop steward for "enthusiastic" union activiparliamentary parties involved. There should be an agreement ties, the evidence alleges. that Parliament would not be Apart from legislation the dissolved for at least three years, except in an emergency. He said: "While this could not be binding on the royal prerogative it would ensure a

TUC is seeking six safeguards: the publication of accounts of its activities; inclusion of the Special Branch in provisions for police-community consultation; stricter safeguards on telephone stricter sateguards on reconstructions tapping; checks to ensure files are accurate; an effective complaints machinery and parisamentary scrutiny by a permanent select committee on the security services.

#### Labour in spinster's death quiz

By Our Political Reporter

The Labour Party asked the Home Secretary yesterday to state whether the Special Branch was involved in the investigations after the murder of a woman aged 78 alleged by Mr Tam Dalyell to have died after a violent encounter with British Intelligence officers.

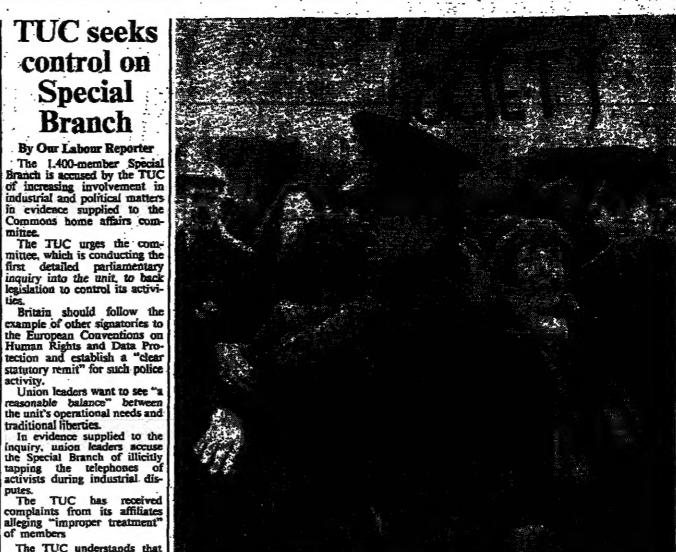
There have been conflicting reports about Special Branch involvement in the case since Mr Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, said in the Commons on Thursday last week that Miss Hilda Murrell had died after distrubing burglars who may have been looking for documents relating to the Falklands war.

The investigating police offic-ers said initially that the branch had not taken part in the early stages of the inquiry, but other reports at the weekend said that it had.

Mr Clive Soley, Labour's front bench home affairs spokesman, wrote to Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, yester-day asking him to clear up the

Mr Dalyell said in the Commons that the officers were searching for sensitive docu-ments relating to the sinking of the General Belgrano because Miss Murrell's nephew, Commander Robert Green, was a senior naval intelligence officer at the time of the Falklands conflict.

Mr Soley said last night: "It is quite clear that something very odd happened in that case.



#### Attack on grave denounced

By Joe Ravitch

"Hunt Retribution Squad", which desacrated the Duke of Beaufort's grave on Christmas night, was "simply a bunch of terrorists and should be exposed and stopped", a spokesman for the League Against Cruel Sports claimed

Mr Jim Barrington said that the squad's actions damaged the efforts of the campaign to

ban hunting.
"You can't ask for a change in the law, while breaking the law", Mr Barrington said.

According to the league, which has been trying to ban field sports since 1924 and has 18,000 members, the squad is part of a "strange, anarchist element in the anti-hust move-ment, which is totally unrepresentative of the movement as a

The league has enlisted the backing of the Labour and Liberal parties in its efforts to ban hunting, and says that the desecration of the duke's grave will discredit their efforts.

"What they did to the duke "s grave was inhuman. He wasn't

under

terror Act

By Stewart Tendler

Crime Reporter

Special Branch officers in

Liverpool were yesterday ques-tioning six men held since

Christmas Eve in an operation against a suspected Irish terror-

In the city's dockland area

the police are understood to have found what they believe

are explosives and forensic

scientists are examining the

The six men are being held in

ist group.

material.



Ulster police holding back protesters against field sports who saw bounds in pursuit of a hare at the annual Crebilly coursing event near Ballymena, co Antrim, yesterday.

much cruel, as simply outdated. The real cruelty is carried out by the young hunters who know what they are doing when they inflict pain on animals", Mr Barrington

The squad first appeared in October, when it published a "hit list" of public figures who support hunting, spck as members of the Royal Family.

Chief Insp Arthur Ford of Avon Police has carried the investigation into the identities of the group to London.

But so far the police have had no leads, and the league says that even if some of its members were in the squad, no one would know because of the tight secrecy surrounding it.

## Leading article, page 11

sell a redundant church site there to property developers. In a decision likely to set a precedent for other such sales,

community purposes. missioners was whether to accept a bid of more than £900,000 from Paddington

a Liverpool police station under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, agreed on Boxing Day to extend their detention for a further five days after their initial two-day detention under The site is that of Holy

The Armed Forces, Whitehall and the police are in a state of readiness for terrorist attacks. An "amber" alert remains in operation in Whitehall.

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad has been told of the arrests in Liverpool but they are not thought to be connected with possible attacks in Lon-don. In the past the Provisional IRA has carried out bombings in a number of other cities and on military targets.

Liverpool's ferry connections across the Irish Sea have often been used by the Provisionals to bring bomb units to Britain.

Although in past years there have been IRA stracks during the Christmas period, there have been bombings in the new year as well.

Six detained Church site sold to developers for £1.5m

> The Church Commissioners many church sites had been have resisted a vociferous sold in Paddington for highcampaign by community groups in the Paddington area of west London and have decided to

however, they have allocated £200,000 of their profit for local The issue before the com-

Church Housing Association in conjunction with the Paddington Community Consortium, or commercial bids of about £1.5 million for speculative redevel-

Trinity Church, last used for services in 1971.

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent cost, high-quality housing when local low-income families were in acute need.

The campaign culminated in a demonstration on Christmas eve, and the commissioners were wished a "guilt-ridden and unhappy Christmas by the Christian Organisations for Social Political and Economic Change group, which heard of the decision last week.

Protest groups gathered out-side the Church Comside the Church Com-missioners' premises on Mon-day to draw attention to the 800 families said to be homeless and living in hostels and hotels near the site of Holy Trinity Church. The church housing associ-ation alleged that the com-missioners had made a profit of

£60 million from Paddington in

#### Climber dies in **Cairngorms**

By Ronald Fanx climber died and his companion was injured yesterday when they fell in the Cairngorm mountains in the

Scottish Highlands.
The Cairngorm Mountain Rescue team recovered the body and took the injured climber to a point where he and the body could be taken by helicopter to the foot of the mountain. The two climbers

were from England. The accident happened on a climb called Spiral Gully in the Corrie an Sneachda It is understood that the leader fell and the belay (the point holding a secured rope) holding his second failed

Conditions were said to be good for winter climbing, although a shortage of deep hard snow in the gullies mad-for difficult roped climbing.

The colder the temperature and the harder the ice choking the gullies on the Highland mountains, the more conditions are judged to be excellent by the winter mountaineers.

There have already been appeals for climbers to avoid the basic errors that each year claim lives. Mr Andy Nicol, chairman of

the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland, said yesterday that cold, dry weather could attract 50 or more climbers to the precipitous north face of Ben Nevis alone.

#### Help for disabled puts up cost of building

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By Charles Knevitt

Architecture Correspondent The cost of new buildings will increase by up to 5 per cent in the new year because of changes in the building regulations to help the disabled.

The new rules, which form

part T of the fourth amendment to the building regulations. 1976, give right of access to all floors of new shops and offices. and to the ground floor of most new buildings except houses.

Existing buildings are exempt, for now. However, a new British Standard on means

of escape for the disabled will be ready in 1986 which will cover alterations and additions to existing buildings. Multi-storey shops and of-fices are likely to be the most affected by the provision for

the disabled. The Architects' Journal

quotes the Department of Environment as saying that cost rises of between I and 5 per cent are expected. This is based on research carried out in the mid-1970s by the now defunct National Building Agency.

The new measures have been welcomed by the Access Committee for England. But the Confederation of British Indus-try said that the costs must be measured against the benefits.

#### Repair hope for rail tunnel

Fears that the Summit Tunnel on the Yorksilire Lancashine border, closed after an explosion and fire on board a tanker train, would have to be permanently sealed, were re-

moved yesterday.

A. British Rail engineering team was able to enter the 2,885 yard tunnel, one of the longest in the country, for the first detailed examination since the accident on December 20. It found damage to be less severe than expected.

#### IRA bride back in jail

Anne-Marie Bateson, aged 28, a Provisional IRA murderer who married during Christmas parole, returned to Armagh jail on time yesterday to complete the 20-year sentence she was give in 1976 for the fire-bombing of a boutique in which a mother of three children died.

Now Mrs Gerard McErlean, she was driven back to prison by her husband, a lorry driver.

#### Teachers seek pension pledge

Britain's second largest teachers' union has sought a fresh that the Government is not planning a tax squeeze on contributions and

The 126,000-strong National Association of Schoolmasters/ Union of Women Teachers has told Mr Nigel Lawson that more than five million public sector employees would be affected by any change.

#### **Protester hurt** in prison fire

Four prisoners and two prison officers were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of smoke after a fire at Guernsey prison, believed to have started in a cell.

Among the prisoners taken to hospital was Mr Maurice Kirk, a veterinary surgeon, aged 39, serving an eight month sentence for contempt, who has recently ended a hunger strike in protest

#### Thatcher visits Mrs Tebbit

Mrs Margaret Thatcher spent 90 minutes yesterday visiting Mrs Margaret Tebbit, wife of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

Mrs Tebbit, a victim of the Brighton Bombing in October, is still paralysed. Mr Norman Tebbit, who left hospital earlier this month, was also present yesterday.

### Rapist sought

Police were yesterday hunting a rapist who savagely attacked a girl aged 19 in Bridgwater, The attacker was described as

5ft 7in tall, aged about 20 and wearing a distinctive thigh-length modern "box" jacket.

#### Girl lost in sea

A girl aged seven was swept out to sea by a freak wave at St Oswald's Bay, West Lulworth, Dorset Kirsty Collis, from Derlish, near Dorchester, Dorset, was walking over rocks with her mother and brother.

#### 'Mousetrap' sale

The .38 Colt revolver used in the first production of Agatha Christie's play The Mousetrap in London 31 years ago will be offered for sale at Sotheby's on January 23. Real firearms are no longer allowed on stage.



#### Rival for Marble Arch gates A £35,000 commission for

voting system is achieved and

10, 24ft-high forged steel gates has just been completed at a new office development at Victoria Station, London. The design won a national competition for architectural ironwork, and the job of making them, for Mr Giuseppe

Lund, aged 33, a metalworker who lives near Shrewsbury.
Mr Lund believes that only the gates to Marble Arch and the Royal Academy, Piccadilly, are of comparable scale in the

appearance of polished rather than of painted steel. Mr Land is trying to encourage the use of metalwork and says that it is not only suitable for Victorian designs. Three years ago he organized the "Towards a New Iron Age" exhibition of decorative metal-work at the Victoria and Albert

The competition was organized by Greycoat Estates, Norwich Union and their architect for the new development, Elsom, Pack and Roberts Partnership. (Photograph: Dod



The changing pound

## Unpopular coin receives a seasonal boost

By Robin Young At present the British public is willing to take any money it can lay its hands on, so the apmbers of both new £1 coins and doomed, tatty old £1 notes in circulation are at record

levels for the year. The Christmas and new year season is traditionally the peak of demand for all currency so there have been fewer cus-tomers complaining at post office counters that they do not want £1 coins.

Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, claimed last month that only one customer in 40 was refusing coins; this week counter attendants in London were not able to remember any such cases.

£1 note was announced on November 12, but printing continued for another two weeks after that and issuing continues apace even now, until the deadline on December 31.

The Bank of England is unwilling to divulge its weekly rate of issue, but says that it is impossible to tell from comparison with last year's figures whether there has been any diminished demand for the note because of its imminent with-

a popular time for money in any

draws). Nor will it claim to discern any increased demand for the fast departing paper, noting This was really what we simply that December is always had come to expect. While there was something familiar

has had to be content with scant acceleration in the acceptance of its bright and shiny coins. Since the November 12 announcement about another 10 million have filtered into only 180 million at large of the 250 million stead coin's launch in April 1983.

The latest figure from the mint for production to date is 570 million, just enough coins to replace the number of notes said to be around when the withdrawal was announced. A spokesman for the mint

about as an alternative to

conversion programmes for machinery to accept the coins were incomplete, we realized there would not be the demand for the coin that there was for the note."

The Chancellor's announcement that the note would go was the culmination of a sustained and determined campaign from within the Treasury to be rid of a note which since 1976 had had lower real value than that of the 19shilling note in 1970. The clinching argument in hastening the final decision over the Prime Minister's publicly stated objections appears to have been that public acceptance of the £1 coin would

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configue to be artificially delayed so long as the morn familiar note continued.

Cost conscious officialdom was understandably liked by the public preference for something which cost 1½ p to produce and became unacceptably tatty within 10 months over an alternative costing one penny more but with a sup-posed pocket life of 40 years. While pound notes grew grinler in constant use, pound coins developed a habit of returning rapidly from shop tills to the banks which issued them. One would have guessed from observation at the tills that the coin was called a "sorry, mate, I'll have to give you one of these".

#### Local groups argued that too one year. Rebuke for paper

over killer In reporting the trial of a man who tried to kill two patients a a Cambridge psychiatric hospi tal a newspaper was entitled to set it in context by recalling his trial in 1967 for killing his wife and three children, the Press Council said today.

However, it was unnecessary and improper of the Eastern
Daily Press to identify in detail
the bungalow where that tragedy took place and its present use and occupancy, the council It upheld to that extent a

complaint by Mrs K. P. Dixon, of Grange Farm, Etling Green,

Dereham, Norfolk, that it was

improper of the newspaper to identify the address and family of a man, her brother-in-law, The newspaper reported that Mr Claude Dixon, aged 55, admitted at Norwich Crown Court attempting to murder two patients at Fulbourn Hospital, near Cambridge. He was sent back to Broadmoor, where he had been sent 17 years earlier, after being accused of murder-ing his wife and three children and being found unfit to plead. A second article recalled the

trial. It said that the bodies were found in Mr Dixon's bungalow and described its location and

events of 1967, including the

A complaint by Mrs Dixon against the Cambridge Evening News over a background piece to the trial was rejected.

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## Nurse tells how friend was shot after defying bandits Ms Sarah Belshaw, aged 22, kept on saying you are not Norwich, yesterday described dying. You have only been here the attack in which her follows:

the attack in which her friend, in the shoulder. Ms Christine Mullins, aged 24, was critically injured after being

shot by Peruvian bandits. Back home and safe with her family Ms Belshaw said in an interview with Radio Norfolk that the two friends had been visiting pre-Inca ruins on the northern shore of Peru when

they were set upon by bandits.

"We had stopped to admire some ceramics that a little boy was selling by the roadside. First of all they attacked the little boy and we assumed they little boy and we assumed they wanted his ceramics. But he free and they turned on us.

They grabbed us and asked us for money. We stood up to them and said 'no' and without giving us any time to negotiate and without using any kind of physical violence they shot one shot and ran off.

Chris was hit. Initially I thought she was just injured in the right shoulder because she eeding from there. "She herself said 'I am dying. Tell my father I love him." I



Christine Mullins: Went into coma

But at that stage she started having respiratory difficulties and became blue and it was and occame blub and it was then I noticed that she had swelling in the left side of her neck and it was obviously there that the bullet had lodged. It had gone into her right side, clipped her neck and then lodged in the left side of her neck

"I started to give her mouthto-mouth resuscitation and looked round for help. But it was so isolated there was a great stretch of desert between the

two pyramids
"I ran off and started shouting and waving for help, but then we went back to her. I thought if she was going to die then she would not be alone in the last moments.

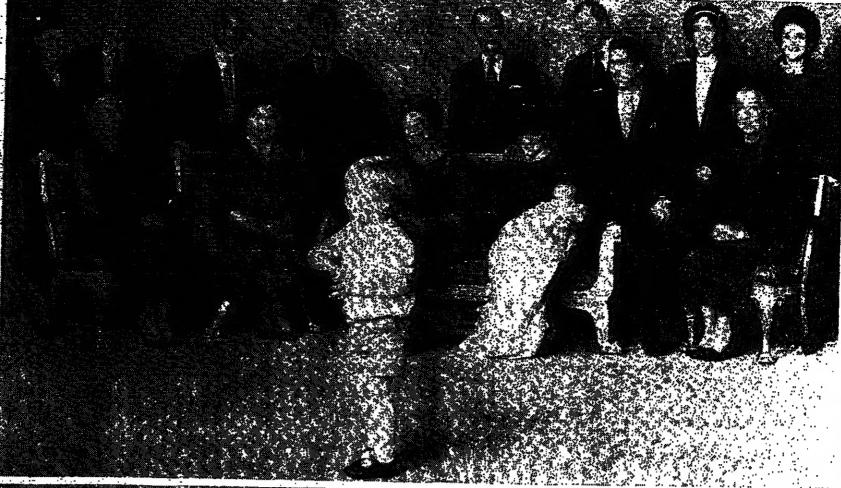
"Eventually some villager came past, though much to my dismay he had a horse and cart. We loaded Christine on to the back of the cart and I carried on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"We got her across the desert and on to a-mini-bus which took us to the nearest hospital. Then we took Christine to Lima and from there she was flown to

"In Miami she went into a deep coma, but I know there she is getting the best of care." Last night Ms Mullins sank into a deep coma, the Miami

hospital reported. Her condition was described as "very very grave" by a neurosurgeon, Mr Philip Villenueva, of the Jackson Memorial Hospital. He said if Ms Mullins did survive she would never walk again.

Ms Mullins' parents, John and Mary Mullins, from Essex, flew to Lima from London and

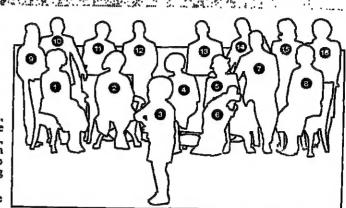




#### Prince of play goes on camera

The antics of Prince William, which so enlivenced the Queen's Christmas broadcast, are in evidence again today with the official photographs to commemorate the christening of Prince Henry.

The Prince can be seen centre stage, clearly stealing the lime-light from the Queen, other members of the Royal Family and godparents, laughing in the background, while Prince Henry remains puzzled. The result, in a series by Lord Snowdon, is one of the most naturally light-hearted royal



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#### Brain-death mother's baby dies at 10 days

A girl born to a woman who was being kept alive on a life-support machine died yesterday aged 10 days, Shortly after the birth the mother. Mrs Mary Scanlon, aged 26, died when the machine was switched off with the consent of her husband. David, aged 28.

The birth and Mrs Scanlon's death took place at Cork Regional Hospital in the Irish Republic. The baby, who had been delivered safely and had appeared to be thriving, died in St Finbarr's Hospital, Cork.

Mrs Scanlon was admitted to hospital after suffering a brain haemorrhage. She was declared to be brain-dead soon afterwards, but she was kept alive for a further month in an attempt to save the child.

The baby was born two months prematurely.

The hospital said: "Our main objective was to enable the baby to survive to the twenty-eighth week of the pregnancy, knowing that after that its survival prospects would increase con-siderably".

Mr Scanlon, of Cooleygor man, Broadford, co Limerick, is believed to have insisted that all necessary measures should be taken to save the baby. He and his wife had three other

Last night. Mr Scanlon said that he felt unable to speak about the deaths of his wife and daughter. A nurse at St Finbarr's, however, said of the baby: "We did everything for her. It came as a great shock when she died."

 The life-support machine would have kept the mother's blood well oxygenated and her kidneys functioning (our Medical Correspondent writes), In that state the baby's blood would obtain all the oxygen and nutrients needed and growth

#### Holiday prices reduced By Robin Young

Some holiday operators are reducing their prices because bookings are about a third down on last year, but many holidaymakers will face heavy fuel and currency surcharges later in the year because of the decline of continuing

purchased the company's insurance. The company is offering £15 per person off long-distance trips, £10 off holidays of up to two weeks, 2a £5 reduction on a week's holiday.

Lunn Poly is also offering up to £1,500 credit for people to pay for holidays and is providing an instant money-back guarantee against any operator

Blue Sky Holidays, a subsidi-ary of British Caledonian, has

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relaunched its summer 1985 Cabin and Car Holidays, says brochure with prices trimmed that bookings for next summer has also included a no-sur-charge guarantee for those who

Most travel operators have given a warning that they are likely to impose some surbiggest travel agency, announced yesterday that it would likely to impose some surcut the price of holidays by up to £15 for customers who also Many have, limited their increases to 10 per cent of the brochure price or £14 per person per week, but some have set no limit and could face

The increased cost of air

brochure with prices trimmed that bookings for next summer by as much as £25 a person. It are already double those of the corresponding period last year Ladbroke is predicting 20 per book before February 28, but cent more demand for its car says that for later bookings tour programmes and Guy says that for later bookings tour programmes and Guy surcharges of up to 10 per cent Salmon, the rental company. expects a substantial increase in

Price increases of up to 25 per

cent over last year are putting customers off countries such as Spain, but more distant desti-nations are hopeful of increas-ing their business share. Mr Michael Blackall, manager of the Everest Sheraton Hotel in Katmandu, Nepal, is excited holidays is expected to lead to that the re-establishment of the an increase in motoring holi- road link between Nepal and days both in Britain and on the Tibet could create opportunities Continent, with many com- for excursions to Lhasa. Many panies in the motoring package of the 2,000 British visitors who holiday business hoping to see stay at the hotel every year business increase from last year travel with Saga Holidays, the by as much as 40 per cent. specialists in senior citizen's Mr Jim Cuthbert, of Canvas, travel.

### Sales get off to a record start

Detectives hunting the killer of the daughter of a leading psychiatrist are investigating the record start yesterday after a pre-Christmas rush which most retailers say was well up on possibility of a link with the

The strangled body of Miss Deirdre Sainsbury, aged 29, naked except for a pair of grey socks, was found on a golf course at Denham, Bucking-hamship Shanship Shanship hamshire. She was the daughter of Dr Peter Sainsbury, a former vice-president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Detectives think that Miss Sainsbury, last seen alive when she left the home of friends in Dulwich, south-east London, at lunchtime on Saturday, may have been hitchhiking on the M40 to Oxford.

The body of a Finnish student nurse, Eila Karjalainen, aged 23, was found in woods on the Duke of Marlborough's Blenheim Palace estate at Woodstock Oxfordshire, last year. She had been strangled also met her killer while

hitchhiking from London.
Det Supt Roger Nicklin
described Miss Sainsbury, who was involved in the anti-nuclear movement and was a frequent visitor to the Greenham Common peace camp, as "a bit department store in Market of a wanderer who was known Street, which claims to be the to visit friends all over the

She had had mental problems and had been receiving psychiatric treatment from time to time, Mr Nicklin said.

Be Derek Hains, Commercial Editor The "January" sales had a sets and in video recorders, cord start yesterday after a according to Mr David Anderse-Christmas rush which most son, chief executive of Rumbe-

Even in the West Country, affected by wintry weather, Mr John Reynolds, store director at the Exeter branch of Debenhams, reported crowds shrugging off fog and icy conditions and taking the store's trading at least to last year's comparable

Bargain hunters thronged central London and provincial cities. At Barkers department store in Kensington, west London, Mr Richard Lusty, general manager, said: "There were more than 800 people waiting for us to open".

At Debenhams in Oxford Street Mr David Elliott, store director, said: "It is infinitely better than last year, possibly 30 per cent or more up. Fashion clothing is the big draw, some prices are down by a half.

Maples Waring & Gillow, the furniture and furnishings chain with more than 70 branches, said sales looked like rising above last year's levels. It was a frosty morning in

Manchester but at the Lewis's biggist provincial store in Europe, more than 500 shoppers were queuing from 7am. An unusually high build-up of stocks meant bargains in large-screen colour television

Bigger kitchen appliances such as washing machines and fridge-freezers are a tenth cheaper. Even prices of some microwave cookers, a popular Christmas buy, are being

By early evening, Dickins & Jones in Londons' Regent Street was reporting sales of flux up 60 per cent compared with last year's first day of sales. Many women's fashion lines were up by a half. Overall turnover was up 35 per cent. Record sales were also reported from branches in Richmond and Milton Keynes.

One of the biggest do-it-yourself chains, Texas Homecare, which has 128 shops, reported Boxing Day sales on its first day of special winter offers to be up by more than a half on the same day last year. Mr Ron Trenter, managing director, said: "We were pleasantly surprised."

Victoria Wine, with more than 800 off-licences, estimated sales to Christmas Eve were up 12.4 per cent at outlets where comparisons could be made. The biggest surge was in table

 Mr Tony Sprackling, aged 24, a taxi-driver, yesterday claimed a world record after queueing for 17 days outside Keddies department store in Today's sales, back page

Baronet fights home fire

ckventh baronet, yesterday in the two rooms were damaged braved flames and smoke to or destroyed. Structural damage

Loton Park, the Jacobean-style mansion near Shrewsbury where the Leighton family has lived for centuries. It is thought to have started

in a chimney breast and spread behind wall panelling to damage two rooms in the hall. Furni-

Sir Michael Leighton, the ture, books and family portraits was comparatively sligh. The alarm was raised when

smoke was seen seeping through a ceiling. Six people in the hall, including Sir Michael, aged 49, were moved out but when all safe Sir Michael, armed with a fire extinguisher, went back inside to fight the blaze.

Michael's converted stable block, a film stunt man, Mr Gerard Naprous, and his assistant, Miss Sally Outram.

Miss Oultram said: "It took a lot of courage to do what Sir Michael did. He went into the smoke and attacked the fire and seemed to kill the worst of it. If he had not done that I think the whole building would have Also helping to fight the fire gone.

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## Dates fixed for debates on glue-sniffing and kerb-crawling Bills

Two private members' Bills supported by the Home Office which would control glue-sniffing and outlaw kerb-crawling, considered by MPs to have a better than even chance of

six Bills in the private members'

kits to people under 18, is to be presented for second reading by Mr Neville Trotter, Conserva-tive MP of Tynemouth, on

The Sexual Offences Bill. introduced by Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth, Drake, which would outlaw the soliciting of women for sexual purposes by men, will be taken the following Friday.

On February I, the Local Government (Access to Information) Bill, sponsored by Mr Robin Squire (Con, Horn church) and designed to give more public access to local authority meetings, reports and documents, will be debated. The following Friday it will be the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, introduced by Dr David Clark (Lab, South Shields) and aimed at strengthening the protection against destruction of sites of special scientific interest.

income of Britain's charities has

in recent years grown fast from £2.4 billion in 1976 to an

estimated £10 billion now,

growth of a third in real terms.

by greater public generosity.

Donations to charities by

charges for services. These

made up 34 per cent a total

money, but the overall trend is

Charities and

But the growth is not explained third between 1976 and 1981.

private individuals and companies dropped from 25 per been shrinking. The Directory of cent of the total in 1976 to Social Change estimates that

around 10 per cent in 1981 and companies gave £132 million to may have fallen further since. Charities in 1983, less than 0.1 Meanwhile, government grants per cent of total profits. Barclays Bank, the largest in 1976 to be about 7 per cent

in 1976 to about 10 per cent corporate donor, gave 0.35 per

charities' income from fees and profits given to charities by

income in 1976 but now form at slipped, although spokesmen least 66 per cent.

groups obviously differ in their profits; they say that in cash ability to tap the public for terms contributions have risen.

Charities Aid Foundation esti- which confers tax and rates

mates that the value of gifts to privileges, but the trends appear

the United Kingdom's 150,00 to be the same for them. charities increased by about a Voluntary groups are raising

inflation.

On February 15 Mr Enoch establishing complaints pro-Powell's measure to impose cedure for hospital patients. legal controls over test tube pregnancies and research on

human embryos, will be taken. The Copyright (Computer becoming law, come up for their second reading Commons debates next month.

Software) Amendment Bill, introduced by Mr William Powell (Con. Corby) to stop The dates have been fixed for theft and plagiarizing of com- (Termination of Jurisdiction) the second readings of the first puter programs, will be debated Bill; ending British jurisdiction on February 22.

The other Bills are Mr The Intoxicating Substances Michael Grylls (Con, North Orpington): Motor Cycle Crasn (Supply) Bill, which would West Surrey): Small Business Helmets (Restriction on Lia prohibit the sale of glue-sniffing Bill; removing legislative obblitties' Bill; exempting rider of prohibit the sale of glue-sniffing Bill; removing legislative obblitties' Bill; exempting rider of cycle from penalties if his stacles to the development of cycle from penalties if his small businesses. cycle from penalties if his passenger refuses to wear a

Mr John Carlisle (Con, Luton North): Sports Fields and Recreational Facilities Bill; forcing public bodies to tell the Government about the change of use of sports fields.

Mr Gerald Bermingham
(Lab. St Helens South-West): Mr Coventry South-East): Mini-

Water Authorites (Meetings) mum Wages Bill; setting mini-Bill; opening meetings to the mum wage for disadvantaged public and press. Mr David Madel (Con, Bedfordshire South-West): Leeds Central): Companies Education (School Budgets) (Political Donations) Bill; re-

Bill; obliging education authorities to publish details of for political donations, school budgets.

Mr Peter Fry (Con, Welling-Devizes): Charter Trustees Bill; easing regulations on bingo

enabling charter trustees of a clubs town to keep its privileges if Mi absorbed by another local consfield): Road Traffic (Pro-

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson giving motorists stopped by the (Con. Newbury): Hospital police longer to produce their Complaints Procedure Bill; documents.

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Downward trend in giving

DAVID WALKER reports.

less than half the rate of

cent of its gross profits. In

recent years the proportion of

such companies as ICI and

British Petroleum has also

Not all voluntary groups are

voluntary not be calibrated on the basis of

#### Work for artist at picket lines

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

Six artists are working in industries in the North-east, painting the workers of a brewery, photographing the effects of the miners' strike and creating a stained glass record of the workings of an archi-

Mr Keith Raffan (Con

Delyn): Controlled Drugs (Pen

alties) Bill: increasing penalties for misuse of drugs.

Hackney North and Stoke

Newington): Northern Ireland

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Con

Mr Geoffrey Lawler (Con, Bradford, North): Fabric Origin

Marking Bill; requiring woven fabrics for outer wear to be

Mr Derek Fatchett (Lab.

Mr Tim Smith (Con, Bea-

duction of Documents) Bill;

more in fees - for example the

rents paid to voluntary housing

associations. They are increas-

ingly subcontracting work from local authorities, providing care

University, who has studied the figures, predicts that the volun-

tary sector will take over a large

proportion of the state's welfare work in further years,

London Voluntary Service Council says that that local

authorities have in the past

turned to voluntary groups

because they could experiment

and provide social care more

flexibly; they are better at

labour is provided by volun-

teers or

people.

Mr Paul Sommerfeld of the

Dr John Posnett of York

over Ulster.

groups.

The growing dependence of the voluntary sector on

public money arises in part from the failure of private

and business charitable giving to keep up with inflation.

Mr Ernest Roberts (Lab,

The temporary placements of artists with six industries in the area is paid for by a mixture of public and private funds and is being pioneered by the Sunderland-based Artists Agency.

are being established, one for a writer working at Durham and Frankland prisons and Low second for a writer working with the public employe union Nupe; another for a visual artist with Type Tees Television; and a fourth for a

The six artists now working each have an individual base, ranging from Cameron's Brew-ery to the headquarters of the Northumbria Police both in

The London painter Simon Granger has been given a studio in Aycliffe Hospital, tally handicapped people, and works alongside the residents who produce their own paintings. A joint exhibition of his and their work recently opened at Darlington Arts Centre.

Val Close, aged 35, who returned to the North-east after ding two years working it New York, has a studio and living quarers at the Nor-thumbria Police heaquarters, where her work is on display.

The photographer Keith Pattison was invited to work in Easington, where the miners' strike is still solid, and has photographed picket lines, outings for miners' childrens, and the distribution of food

The landscape painter Simon Rivett has been based at a local library; and recently has been working in an aluminium plant

"At first there was a great deal of cariosity and quick visits by the community ", Mr Rivett said. "The response has since become more particular

• The GLC is to start an arts stimulating people's energy than councils. But, he says, it is welfare on the cheap since administration course specifically for black and other ethnic minority people at a cost of £90,000 It will begin in September and last for 12 months, employing up to 15

Grief of the train-bomb families

## State funeral rejected

A state funeral for the 15 At a rally afterwards in terrorism. He called for a new rictims of Sunday's bombing of Bologna's main square, again boycotted by most of the the Naples-Milan express was at the last moment turned into a Requiem Mass after most of the victims' families, the Mayor, relatives refused to participate. The place in Bologna Ca-thedral where the coffins would have been was empty during the Mass celebrated yesterday by the Archbishop of Bologna and

The guilty had never been found. The state fails to bring attended by President Pertini.
The families indicated that to justice those responible for they regarded their grief as a these massacres

private affair and wished to

have the dead buried in their

protest, was a clear expression

of distaste for a showpiece ceremony broadcast by state television and also attended by

16 other bishops, the Speaker of

the Chamber of Deputies, three

government ministers and party

Yugoslavs

get petrol,

travel perks

From Dessa Trevisar

Belgrade

has given a new year gift to its people by abolishing petrol

rationing and the cash deposit

required before foreign travel.

These measurers were intro-

duced two years ago to restrict

petrol consumption and curb

The measures mean that

Yugoslavs who have been

rationed to 40 litres of petrol a

month can now buy it freely

and can also make shopping

trips to neighbouring countries But the price of petrol has been

raised to 100 dinars (about 34p)

a litre with fluctuations accord

ing to exchange rates, which

makes the price itself pro-

Foreign travel has gone down

by half over the past two years. This is partly because of the cash deposit Yugoslavs were

obliged to place on leaving the

country and partly because the

currency continued to de-preciate. Travel and especially

shopping, in hard currency

Yugoslav living standards

have been declining over the past three years while inflation

continues to gallop. Last year it

"I see Pinochet as being stronger than before", said the Socialist leader Señor Ricardo

Lagos, President of the Chilean

opposition Democratic Alliance.

In an interview with The

Times, Señor Lagos declared that the state of siege and complete press censorship were

making any advances towards

democracy by peaceful means more and more difficult.

"We are getting further and further way from a solution

similar to the one in Uruguay.

If things continue like this, we

will have to resort to violence, as in El Salvador, in our quest

for democracy. The reaction of

the junta to the letter sent last

week by the Democratic Alliance shows that the armed

forces have no intention of

looking for a peacful way out",

The response of the Navy's Commander-in-Chief, Admiral

Merino, to the opposition's

request for a return to democ-

racy before 1986, the ending of

the state of siege, respect for

humann rights and an elected Parliament, was that he had thrown the letter into the waste-paper basket".

The total rejection of this

letter means, according to Señor Lagos, that under pre-

sent conditions, there is no possibility of a dialogue between the Government and

he said.

Clampdown in Chile

Opposition leader says

no peaceful way out

From Florencia Varas, Santiago

reached 60 per cent

areas became extremely ex-

pensive.

the outflow of hard currency.

The Yugoslav Government

Their attitude, if not one of

One reason why the crimes committed over the years in Milan, Brescia Bologna and elsewhere, had not been prevented was "because of connivance complicity and protection inside the apparatus of the

Signor Imbeni, a Communist.

political will and new policies to The Mayor was greeted by

Signor Renzo Imbeni, de- cries of "Justice justice from nounced the state's ineffective- the 50,000 people gathered in nounced the state's inenective ness in combating right-wing the square on a bitingly terrorism which, he said, had day. He was embraced by a clamied 140 victims in a series grim-looking President Pertini.

Afterwards, a few hundred demonstrates from the extreme-

left Democrazia Proletaria party broke away and staged a small procession, carrying banners denouncing the banned P2

Police investigating the bombing have appealed to people travelling by rail on cant it might seem.

Masonic lodge and leaders of the Christian Democratic Party.

information, however insignifisaid the Government had impression among the public is seriously under-estimated the that little progress is being made danger from this kind of with inquiries.

## 130,000 flee from

ees fled into Thai

escape the fighting

vecks ago.

The 23,000 fled from what seriously wounded.

On another sec appears to be an imminent attack at Ampil, headquarters of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, under sporadic shellfire for four days. The Vietnamese have moved tanks and armoured troop carriers closer to Ampi.

A few miles to the southwest, guerrillas made more unsuccessful counter-attacks at Nong Samet, which the Viet-



## Cambodia battles

As Vietnamese and Campol namese captured on Tuesday. dian government forces continued their offensive yesterday Vietnamese supply lines, acagainst guerrillas in western cording to an official of the front.

More than 130,000 have now nam's new offensive began six



the opposition, and that " this is something which European

and American politicians must

take into account when they

visit as and talk to as about

much of the activity of the activity of the opposition was not positive. "We have still not

under the state of siege since there is no way of communicat-

ing with the general public because of press censorship. If

these conditions continue in

1985, there is no doubt that the situation will be polarized, with General Pinochet on one side

and those who support armed struggle on the other, without

the centre being able to express

He said the White House in

Washington worried by the polarization of the political

situation, but did not believe that this was enough to warrant

withdrawing its support of the

Chilean Government. The

opposition would cotinue with

organized protests as the only means of achieving mass demonstrations against the

Roman Catholic priests and two nuns are being held here

after their arrest on Christmas

Day for handling out anti-tor-

ture tracts, an official spokes-

man said (AFP reports).

PRIESTS HELD: Two

d an effective way of acting

ressing for discussions". Senor Lagos recognized that

Samet, Mr Liew Ne, confirmed heavy guerrilla losses during crossed the border since Viet- their defence of the base. He said 53 guerrillas ad 85 civilians

were killed and about 150 On another section of the border the Khmer Rouge army, the strongest of the guerrilla forces, claimed to have killed and wounded more than 300 Vietnamese soldiers in an ambush. They said they trapped

moving westwards towards the border. Fighting between the Khmer Rouge and the Vietnamese was also reported in the Phnom Malai mountains south of the key Thai border town of

the Vietnamese as they were

Aranyaprathet. PREMIER DIES: Mr Chan Si, Prime Minister of Cambodia, has died in Moscow, Japan's Kyodo news agency reported in a despatch from

The agency quoted informed sources as saying that Mr Chan, aged, 52, died in hospital on aged, 52, died in nospital on Wedneday while under medical treatment. He became Prime

Hanoi likely

### to put more on trial

Hanoi (AFP) - Several new trials of people accused of anticommunist activities can be expected in Vietnam in the next few months, according to sources in Ho Chi Minh City.

Eight people were sentenced to death on similar chares in two trials this month.

The latest trial, in which three people were condemnded to death for attempting to overthrow local authorities, was officially reported on Wednes-

About 2,000 other, including 80 Buddhist monks, are likely to be tried in Ho Chi Minh City between now and next April, the sources say.

The trials will hear charges of opposition to the Government, described by officials as counter-revolutionary activities, and corruption and common-law crimes.

The Vietnamese News Agency reports that three prisoners in a southern re-education camp have been sentenced to death on charges of trying to topple the "loca revolutionary administration".

They had served as soldiers of the Saigon Government before it fell to the communists

The camp is in Song Be province. Sixteen other prisoners there also former soldiers, were sent to jail according to the agency.



# freedom

in retreat pastor passed through London this month on a mission to inform the West of the continu-

ing abuse of human rights in his A respected figure for his work on social justice and liberation theology, he has been imprisoned five times in about 10 years on a variety of political

charges.
Although there is liberalization on the surface in his country, he says preventative action below is growing ever more severe. The attacks have simply become more subtle. The pastor does not want to be named, fearing persecution of his congregation in Scoul. While Christmas has tra-

ditionally been regarded as a around

world, the holiday this year. would seem to offer little 1984, there has been an inency to per-

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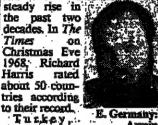
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prison and assassinate. Two-thirds of the world's countries are known to use torture. The first political prisoner

written about in The Times was an Indian former minister in Mrs Gandhi's Cabinet, Ashok Mehta. That was on March 8,

1980 it has appeared every week, with very few exceptions setting out the cases of about 300 people - the columns occasionally feature whole families or groups rather than individuals - from 75 different countries.

The abuse of human rights has shown a



Uruguay and Chile did particularly well. Each is now known very low in the World Human Rights Guide produced by

Charles Humana last year. We have featured 29 countries in 1984: the Soviet Union and Turkey five times each Czechoslovakia, Taiwan and Uraguay three times, Kenya and Indonesia twice. Among these prisoners, there have been at least 12 releases, two

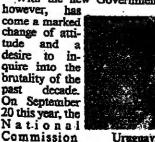
conditional. Our four March prisoners. Armin Phillip of East Germany, Hsu Ching-Fu of Taiwan, Salah Boughanmi of Tunisia, and Douglas Lukhele of Swaziland are all now free, showing that releases are as geographically

widespread as, arrests. Most dramatic this year has been worsening situation Turkey, where in the aftermath of the thoumany

have China: Bishop been detained, including MPs

and union ists.
There have, of course, been tary coup of March 1976, thousands "disappeared" in Argentina. The abduction of civilians, use of torture, sum-mary executions carried out by paramilitary squads were all reflected in the prisoner of conscience columns of the late

1970s. With the new Government however, has come a marked change of atti-



Uruguay: de Vargas

page report to the Government ол 8,960 cases of disappeared people. Some of those featured have been extremely distinguished like Douglas Lukhele, former Attorney-General and High Court judge in Swaziland. Some have been very old, like the Roman Catholic bishop of Shanghai, gnatius Gong Pinmei, aged 83, held in almost total isolation for

on Disappeared

People pre-sented its 370-

Many are also ill, confined in appalling conditions and ultimately made desperate. Washington de Vargas Saccone, 33-year-old Uruguayan lawyc in detention since the age of 21 on suspicion of belonging to a guerrilla organization, has repeatedly tried to commit

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**Outside views. Inside information** 

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Royal following: The Maharajah of Gwalior at his palace with the supporters who have never let him

#### Five more die in Indian poll battle territories. In addition, in 180, founded his Telgu Desam Party,

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

Another five people died in election clashes in Andhra Pradesh yesterday as supporters of rival political parties battled it out in the streets as well as at

the hustings.
On of them was killed by police fire as attempts were made to separate the warring groups. This brings the total killed during the elections to 26.

Around a quarter of the 390 million electorate went to the polls yesterday in 116 seats in six states and two union

election malpractice the first time round on Christmas Eve.

The most important contest yesterday was in Andhra Pradesh, where the eccentric film star Chief Minister, Mr N. T. Rama Rao was leading his party for the first time into parlia-mentary elections. In the last elections in 1980 Mrs Gandhi's Congress (1) party made almost a clean sweep, winning 41 of the 42 seats in the state. But since then Mr Rama Rao

polling stations electors were and led it to an overwhelming being given a second chance to victory in elections to the local cast their ballot because of legislature in January 1983. Earlier this year Mrs Gandhi failed in a bid to have him and his Government removed and he was restored to power among

general celebrations.
In another key contest yester-day Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, the leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, faced a stiff challenge in the Gwalior constituency of Madhya Pradesh. He was opposed by Mr Madhavrao Scindia, who would be Maharajah of Gwalior if

The Maharajah has never been defeated in his own princely state.

On the last day of campaigning someone handed Mr Vajpayce a garland containing an empty hand grenade. He mistook for a coconut and tossed it into the back of his jeep, where if it had been loaded it would have blown him to smithereens.

"Anyone who can mistake a hand grenade for a coconut does not deserve the support of the electorate," growled one of his

#### **Budapest's economic reform**

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## Profit motive and the envy factor

continue to excite interest in both the West and East. Despite price rises, the Government remains firmly committed to building up an efficient eco-nomy which can enjoy the unreserved confidence of its allies in the Warsaw Pact and its friends in the West. In this second and final article on Hungary, Richard Bassett, Correspondent, scribes some of the latest

Almost weekly, Hungary provides evidence that there is no slackening of pace in its economic reforms. A thriving bond market in the last six months has turned the base-ment of the National Savings Bank into what is virtually a mini-stockmarket, while three months ago a state industry manager was elected for the first time by the votes of his workers rather than by minis-

Hungarian bankers and Government economists make much of their country's com-mitment to root out the inefficiency which smothers overcentralized economies in Eastern European.

In particular the Government is determined to wage war on unprofitable state enterrises in a manner suggestive in some ways of the swinging axes wielded on some Western economies. This process will not be harmed by an intake of younger blood to the Govern-ment. There were a series of promotions early this month to fill vacancies created by the

For the first time in Hungary's post-war history, a woman in her 40s, Dr Judit Csehak, was made a Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Laszlo Marothy, aged 42, was also appointed as a Deputy

Prime Minister. On August 13 the Hungarian Minister for Industry, Mr Laszlo Kapolyi, personally informed 700 workers of a Budapest company dealing in office equipment that the entire firm would be liquidated because of its losses, exceeding £300,000 a day. It was the first time in post-war Hungary that a state enterprise had closed

without a legal successor. A few weeks later, a larger concern had its work-force cut by 3,000 as a result of similar losses. In both cases, the decisions were executed only after a long and sometimes bitter bureaucratic wrangle.

Such cost-cutting exercises, while not creating memploy-ment, cause considerable dislocation as workers are re-grouped and retrained to take up jobs in more profitable factories. At present, there is no question of Hungary suffering from an unemployment problem, but increasingly with developments in public enterprises unable to keep up with those in the private sector, a marked and for many Hungarians disturbing gap has opened up between wage-earners in the private and state

The shops in the Vaczi Utca. rapidly recovering its pre-war soubriquet of "Budapest's Bond Street", are packed with fur coats and watches costing thousands of pounds. Familiar Western names like Pierre Cardin greet rather bewildered Russian officers to whom the fashions remain the closest they will ever probably get to the West. If the Russian

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soldiers on leave tend only to window-shop, many Hunga-rians, judging from these crowded stores, are undeterred by the high prices.

But the more some Hungarians have, the more it would seem other Hungarians resent the fact, increasingly, the focus for this resentment has become the new professional wealthy classes, doctors and lawyers whose fees for private consultations triple in hours what they earn from the state in neeks.

If making millions of forints is not particularly difficult for this new wealthy class, know-ing quite what to do with them presents an altogether more acute problem. With typically Magyar entrepreneurship, the Government has succeeded in siphoning some of this capital back into the state by issuing bonds, but enough of it is still around to keep envious tongues

wagging over villus in Tenerife and the speed with which long holidays to the Far East are

These rumours are sufficient worry the Government, which is uneasy at the sign of any social tension and has none of the rhetoric or experience necessary to deal with the problem of the conspicuously

The communist slogans demanding an equal distribution of wealth cannot cope with this new development, nor can the present Hungarian tex system, which is proving itself adequate to affect the flow of invisible earnings.

Already, there have been allegations in several Hungarian journals of a profiteering "Mafia". But as one lawyer with a flourishing private practice pointed out to The Times, wealth in Hungary, however great, cannot compare with what the West considers wealth. A house with five or six wealth. A house with five or six rooms is the norm in the west but requires a vast outlay of capital in Hungary. The high-est income officially is not more than 50,000 forints (£1,000) a

month. Talk of legislation to outlaw dishonest incomes is fre-quent in government circles, but few believe this will bring a lasting solution. The difference in earnings is the inevitable price Hungary has to pay for becoming a reliable and efficient partner of the West.

Concluded

#### Extremist's nephew is handed over

From Michael Hamlyn Delhi

A nephew of the dead Sikh extremist leader Sant Jaruail Singh Bhindranwale, was returned early yesterday to face the tender mees of the Indian intelligence services anxious to question him about possible connections with the assassins of Indira Gaadhi.

Mr Jasbir Singh, aged 22, has been circling the globe ever since he left Dubai on December 14 and headed for England. Once at Heathrow he sought political asylum, but it was refused and after a meeting between the Indian High Commission and Mr David Waddington, Minister of State at the Home Office, he was ordered to be deported, on the ground that his presence was not good for public order in Britain and might strain Indian-British relations.

His supporters delayed his departure by an appeal to the High Court in London, but this was disallowed and he was despatched back to Dubai. Refused entry there, he went on to Thailand, which also de-clined to have him, and so to Manila. The Philippines authorities temporarily detained him and he was quoted as saying: "It will be certain death for me if I am sent to India instead of Abu Dhabi, where I have lived for the last eight years doing business."

special Indian Airlines flight was laid on to Manila to fetch him back, and he was accompanied to Delhi by officials of the Indian Home Ministry and security officials.

From Harry Debelius

The Spanish Government has agreed to ask Parliament to pay more than, 580 million pesetas (£2.9 million) to the owners of a newspaper closed by the Franco regime.

The principal owner, Senor enforced absence.

taken at a regular Cabinet meeting in Madrid on Wednesday. It reflects a series of post-Franco court rulings in the owner's favour, including one made by the Supreme Court last year fixing the amount of

beginning of the end of a story of repression which began nearly two decades ago when Señor Calvo Serer took over as publisher, bought out the majority of the other share-holders and turned the paper into the most outspoken daily

Atadrid was silenced for four months in 1971 by government order. The cause was a leading article which, although osten-sibly advocating the prompt retirement of General Charles de Gaulle, actually referred to General Franco.

On November 25, 1971, Señor Alfredo Sanchez Bella, then the Minister of Information and Tourism, revoked

#### Paper shut by Franco gets £2.9m

Madrid

Calvo Serer, said the money would be used to relaunch the evening newspaper Madrid in the capital after a 13-year The decision to pay was

The payment will be the

n Spain. After a series of hefty fines.

## Lee hint on constitution alarms his opponents

From Stephen Taylor, Singapore

One of Singapore's two shock within the PAP at the opposition MPs has voiced result. That the loss of two seats disquiet about Mr Lee Kuan Yew's statement that he might as a disaster might appear modify the one-man, one-vote ludicrous but for the fact that modify the one-man, one-vote electoral system. He pledged his party would resist any changes. In the aftermath of Saturday's general election, at which the loss by the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) of two seats out of 79 was interpreted as a serious setback, Mr Lee's remarks have passed by almost without comment in the local

But at his first post-election press conference, Mr Ben Jeyaretnam, leader of the Workers Party, who retained the Anson seat, said: It seems to me incredible that just because they lost two seats in Parliament Mr Lee should want to revise the whole system."

Apparently piqued by a 37 per cent vote for opposition candidates, an increase of 13 per cent on 1980. Mr Lee expressed misgivings about oneman, one-vote and said it might be necessary to introduce safeguards to ensure people do not use their votes to coerce the government

He had spoken in similar vein before polling day and although he declined to elaborare when questioned. Mr Lee is not the sort of man to make such remarks lightly. Official sources expect there to be no further word from the Prime Minister's office until he has studied the returns exhaus-

tively. Mr Jeyaretnam said Mr Lee's response showed a determination not to give up power. He added: "Does he not accept the verdict of the people? We will resist anything that tinkers with the constitution. I say the people of Singapore will resist it and we will lead them in that resistance."
There is no disguising the

out of 79 should be interpreted well over a third of the

electorate voted for the oppo-sition in what was clearly a

protest against unpopular poli-Some PAP sources are acknowledging privately that Mr Lee's attempts to foster breeding by graduates while encouraging the lower order to be sterilized have proved emotionally unacceptable too

Some also speak of re-examining the proposal to raise the age at which enforced savings can be withdrawn from the central provident fund.

Mr Lee's next step will be to name his new Cabinet, possibly by Tuesday, which is expected to include his son, Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong.

No date has yet been set for the opening of Parliament, where Mr Jeyaretham will be joined on the opposition bench by Mr Chiam See Tong, leder of the Singapore Democratic Par-



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## Soviet invasion of Afghanistan a day of infamy, Reagan says

Russia's invasion of Afghan- not easily stolen from a people

The most forthright com-Pearl Harbour.

Referring to Roosevelt's statement after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Mr Reagan said: "A president once called a certain day a day of infamy. I guess that's exactly what this is also. The anniversary of a day of infamy."

There was no excuse for a

day, Mr Reagan praised the Afghan "freedom fighters" and said the presence of Soviet occupying forces seriously impeded the improvement of US-Soviet relations.

We cannot and will not

remain silent on Afghanistan. We join our voice with other members of the world community in calling for a prompt, negotiated end to this brutal

The US has made clear to Soviet leaders that the presence of Soviet occupying forces in Afghanistan constitutes a serious impediment to the improvement of our bilateral

Goerge Shultz, the US Secretary of State and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are due to meet for "arms control negotiations in Geneva on January 7 and 8. Mr Reagan said "Liberty is

istan, which took place five determined to defent it, and years ago yesterday, was con-demned by Western leaders, but to "speak of freedom restored to was hardly mentioned in the Afghanistan by this time next

In Britain, Sir Geoffrey ment came from President Howe, the Foreign Secretary, Reagan in Washington yester-day before he left to visit people would end only when the California. He compared it with Soviet union agreed to withdraw its forces,

Afghans organized a demon-stration in London yesterday and delivered a protest note to the Soviet Embassy.

Under banners saying "Death to Russia", "Soviets out of Muslim lands" and "Mujahedin. will defeat infidels", the thousand demonstrators marched to great power like the Soviet Union to be doing what it was doing to the people of Afghan-protest.

Four Afghans were permitted to take a letter to the embassy, but could only find four Bulgarians in the driveway. The Bulgarians would have nothing to do with the petition, so it was left on the railings. A few moments after the Afgans left, a member of the embassy staff picked it up, examined it in a bemused way and put it in his

In Moscow, the press avoided any mention of the anniversary, but one daily showed it was not forgotten by devoting a page to the life of soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Pravda steered round subject and wrote about the 20th anniversary of the Afghan Communist Party.

But Komsomolskaya Pravda published a report on serving in Afghanistan, with articles on an injured soldier, atrocities, a mother's letter and advice for new recruits.

It used the standard phrase to



yesterday's rally, when Afghans marched to the Soviet Embassy. (Photograph: Dod Miller).

describe the Soviet military contingent, saying it was fulfil-ling its internationalist duty. A report asked what "internationalism" meant to troops in Afghanistan. Several soldiers offensive against the resistance.

answered by giving sketchy details of atrocities they said they had witnessed. A sapper said he saw the results of a massacre in a town square where bodies had been doused with petrol and set alight. Other

In Kabul the Afghan Government marked the anniversary with a ringing defence of the new order and only passing reference to a Soviet winter Radio Kabul said five years had passed since the Commu-nist Party, "with the aid of Afghanistan's great friend, the Soviet Union", had saved the country from utionaries and US and Chinese

#### Peres near key deal on Voice of **America**

The Voice of America, the Government-financed radio station, has reached or renewed agreements with five countries as part of a huge modernization supported personally by Presi

dent Reagan.

The agreements, which have been signed in the past year with the United States Information Agency, are with Costa Rica, Morocco, Sri Lanka,

Administration officials were quoted yesterday as saying that the US is close to agreement with Israel on locating a VOA transmitter there to beam broadcasts into the Soviet Union with sufficient power to overcome jamming. The US is believed to have turned to Israel after Turkey and Greece re-jected Washington efforts to get one of them to take the

Administration officials have said that the project in Israel is deemed so important that President Reagan has sent a personal message to Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, apparent aim is to share a transmitter in Israel with Radio Liberty, a US-financed station that broadcasts to the Sovie

Under a \$1.5 billion (£1.2 billion) project, VOA is to increase the number of languages in which it broadcasts from 42 to 60. The Adminis-Union says that the Soviet Union and its East European allies – except Hungary – try to jam all VOA broadcasts except

those in English.

VOA has transmitters in
Greece, West Germany, the
Philippines, Morocco, Liberia,
Sri Lanka, Thailand and Botswana. It shares a short-wave Britain. New, more powerful trasmitters are to be constructed in Morocco and Sri Lanka under the renewed agreements.

#### Sri Lanka at the crossroads

## Fear rules as hope dies

From Trever Fishlock, Colombo

Few people here doubt that Sinkalese Buddhist clergy, who Sri Lanka stands at a dangerous have a strong autimathy to the crossreads. The almost hopeless initiative to find a political eswer to the Tamil separatist party, leading the President to sack his Industries Misister, a militant Sinhalese nationalist. crisis has, predictably, failed.

Although the Si The dynamics of geography and history, and embedded fear and prejudice, have worked releasilessly to place President Junius Jayewardene and his They see the Tamits in the

Government into the tightest of island, a fifth of the population, corners, and Sri Lanka on the as being all of a piece with 50 million Tames in Tames Name brink of intensified communal state of southern India, 15 miles In recent weeks the political situation has deteriorated stead-ity and the army's hold on parts of the Tamit north had become across the Palls Strait. They believe that to give the Tamils even an element of self-rule would open the way to Tamil. domination, even invasion from increasingly precarious. The Security Minister has warned that he expects an increase in

stations and kidnappings.
It was clear throughout the all-party conference, which sought a way out of this bitter ethnic quarrel, that the most the a law making Stabalese the official language. An MP warned at the time that Sci Sinhalese majority would con-cede in devolutionary power would be far less than the Tamil (Sinhalese and Tamil) and one nation; or one language and two nations. Divisions were in-

Now, with Tamil guerrillas putting a violent edge to their demand for *Eelam*, a separate state in the north and east of the creased, with Tamils complainisland Sri Lanka is bracing itself.

separatist terrorism, the mining of reads, attacks on police

bility about the collapse of the political initiative this week, the outcome showed plainly how scant the President's options are. The proposals, for a number devolution, were rejected as too meagre by the Tamii United army was not meant for this sort Liberation Front (TULF), the group led by 14 former MPs and poorly trained.

The Government has sacked the control of the con The proposals, for a limited who seek regional autonomy.

The Government has sacked more than 200 soldiers, but the opposition party. Significantly, army and police have antagonized and alienated the northern progressive, by the influential Tamils.

There is a being here that the only way out of this deadly tangle lies with India. Existions between the two countries are has the ability to choke

Sti Lanksons think India is Sti Lindones think India is heeping them on edge to bring them into line with Indian thinking, that it was preved by Sri Lanka's pre-western stance and its refusal to align with India on manters like Afghanistan and the Faikhands.

now ask Mr Rapy Gandhi for help in conducting the terror-ism. Mr Gandhi might want something in return; and he also has to consider his relationship with Indian Tamils.

intensify, there could be a Tamils living in the south.

Tamils are understandably anxious and the Governme will want to keep the south quiet. The Government feels, however, that the chances of backlash have lessened because the Sinhalese did then

A spokesman for TULF, which no longer represents the Tamils to the extent that it once fied, but is the only nego The terrorist groups which began to emerge might have remained just an arritant had not link, said a settlement could still be patched together but there were "incredible odds" against

> "The price of fallere," he said, "will be anarchy and extreme chaos and violence. And the sadness of it is that if it comes to that we will find ourselves, in a few years, sitting in Geneva, talking about the political solution we should be

#### **US** mixes signals on Star Wars

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The Reagan Administration advance of the Geneva talks, is sending out mixed signals about the extent to which it is prepared to offer its contro-versial Star Wars missile defence plan as a bargaining chip in arms talks with the Soviet Union on January 7 and 8 in

One point is clear: the United States is determined to press shead with the \$26 billion (£22

> Warsaw Pact calls summit

The Warsaw Pact will hold a summit of its Political Con-sultative Committee in Sofia, Bulgaria, by the middle of It will be the first gathering of Warsaw Pact leaders since June 1983 and Mr Konstantin

Chernenko's first trip abroad as Soviet President. the programme over the next five years - a position which in

general is supported by the Nato

European leaders, including Mrs Thatcher, have expressed defensive systems.

not to give away its negotiating space-based weapons, position to the Soviet Union in Leading artic

communique on

Tikhonov visit

for home earlier yesterday.

ter, signed a 10-year economic,

commercial and scientific coop-

eration programme on Wednes

day. The two countries have also agreed on a big increase in their trade in the five years

which will be headed by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, has both

was allowed to crumbie.

the mostly Sinbalese army and police reacted bratally. The

confirmed and contradicted a senior Administration official who said that Star Wars issues have to be on the table . . . and they surely will be".

Mr Weinberger said early this week that President Reagan

would not give up development of the Star Wars plan - properly known as the Strategic Defence Initiative - in return for reductions in Soviet nuclear weaponry. "It is the only thing that offers any real hope to the world, and we will not give that

The apparent hardening of the Administration's position may reflect increased US confidence that it has the support of Western Europe for the research project. Mrs.
Thatcher wholcheartedly Thatcher wholeheartedly backed it in talks with President Reagan at Camp David last

general is supported by the Nato allies, and especially by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister.

What is not clear is whether the United States is ready to negotiate about the testing and deployment of Star Wars weapons once the research weapons once the research programme is completed. West programme is completed. West programme leaders including in bargaining sessions on in bargaining sessions on

Mrs Thatcher, nave capacity about the general concern about the possibility of a military build up aware that it could lose alled backing for the research if it is The Administration may be seen to be too inflexible about engaged in a campaign of negotiating an agreement with deliberate obfuscation in order the Soviet Union on banning

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#### Differences halt Woman falls to death at Cairo drinks party

Ankara (Reuter) - Turkey and the Soviet Union dropped plans to issue a joint com-munique on the two-day visit to Ankara by Mr Nikolai Tikho-nov, the Soviet Prime Minister, Cairo (AFP)-An inter-national arrest warrant was issued yesterday against a wealthy Saudi, Abdelmajid Tourdi, after a party at an Egyptian composer's home here on December 17, when a Morroccan woman guest was found dead. because of divergent views among officials working on a draft, diplomatic sources said found dead.

found dead.

The naked body of the woman, Mrs Sairs Meliane, aged 24, who lived in Cairo, was found after the party below one of the balconies at the home of the composer, Raligh The semi-official Anatolian News Agency had said earlier that a communique would be issued after Mr Tikhonov left Mr Tikhonov and Mr Turgut Ozal the Turkish Prime Minis-

At an official inquiry, the party was said to have been "abundant with drink." .The warrant was issued for Mr Tourdi, who accompanied Mrs Meliane at the party, as a

#### see her alive.

of bananas and cured meat by disease in Turkey, veterinary of bananas and cured meat by Greek tourists returning home by road after spending Christmas in Turkey touched off a revolt among outraged holiday-makers resulting in scuffles and a bottleneck at the Greek-Turket competes with locally-grown bish frontier checkpoint at spoles of which there is a

Kipoi.

Large quantities of Turkish

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cured veal popular with Greeks, refused to bend the rules, there were confiscated and burnt on the ground that, because of an exchanged,

principal witness who may have been one of the last people to Banana ban hits tourists

#### From Mario Modiano, Athens A customs ban on the import outbreak of foot-and-mouth

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were incidents and blows were

#### Hero dies near White House

Washington (AP) - The ashes of a decorated Second World War hero, who spent the past 20, are to be placed in Arlington National Cemetery today, three weeks after he froze to death in a park facing the White House.

Jesse Carpenter, aged 61. awarded the bronze star for heroism in France, was found dead on December 5. A veterans' spokesman said he did not know whether Carpenter ever applied for the benefits to which he was entitled.

#### iran sued

New York (Reuter) - Mr John Costa, an American held bostage by the hijackers of a accused Iran in a \$110 million lawsuit of plotting with the hijackers. The suit also alleged that negligence by Kuwait Airways made the hijacking possible.

#### Train hits bus

Seoul (AP) - A passenger train crashed into a bus at an train crashed into a bus at an unmanned crossing, killing 14 bus passengers and injuring at least six others. The bus was: reported to have ignored a red light before driving into the crossing near Naju, 250 miles from here.

#### Nicaragua toll

Managua (Reuter) - A total of 4,600 people died this year in the war in Nicaragua between right-wing Contra rebels and Sandinista troops, the Defence Minister. Senor. Humberto Ortega, announced: He admitted the guerrillas had increased the contract mobility. their operational mobility.

#### Killer flood

Lima (AFP) - A flash flood triggered by a mudslide and a bursting dam killed about 20 people and destroyed two bridges and a number of houses in the mining town of San Vicente, 200 miles south-east of

More jump ship Flensburg, West Germany (Reuter) - A new batch of 112 Polish tourists on a shopping excursion jumped ship when their ferry boat Pomerania docked in the Baltic port of

#### Travemude over Christmas. Bethlehem row

Tel Aviv (Renter) - A priest was injured in a crash between Armenian and Greek Orthodox priests over rights to clean the Church of the Nativity in

#### Hospital fire

Delhi - About 150 mothers and their newborn babies were evacuated from a hospital here after a fire started in a basement store room. Some of the women were carried down a 100ft

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#### Given the bird

Boston (AP) - Swiss doctors have identified aggressive birds as a hazard for joggers, after noting 12 attacks on runners in two years. Five assaults were by European buzzards, attacking in their April-July breeding season.

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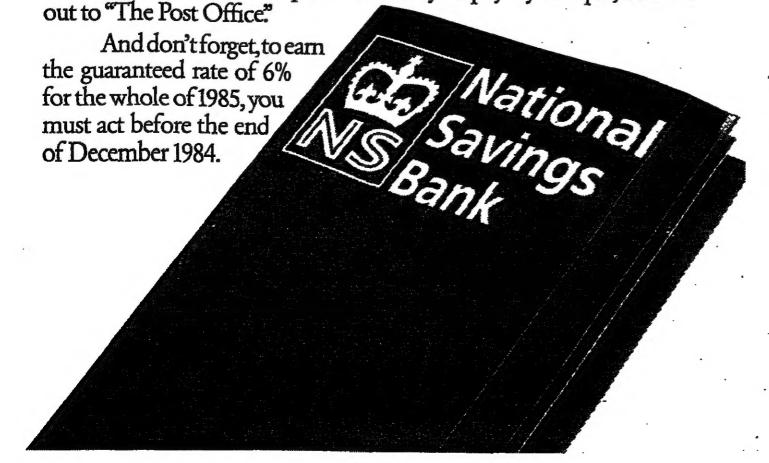
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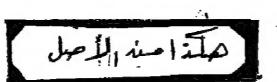
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Zealand; while Tess, though nomi-

particular reputations abroad. There

is no work by women directors or

black directors. There is nothing

from the independent sector, except

perhaps for The Draughisman's

Contract. The common factor

among the films is that they are all

nice, bright entertainments, with

## e crossroads

The grandly-conceived 'British Film Year' planned for 1985 promises much that is safe and provenly successful from the mainstream, and almost nothing from the vigorous independent sector: David Robinson investigates how much may be achieved - and how much more will be missed

## Hollywood awards should not be the ultimate accolade

Nineteen-eighty-five is to be British Film Year. The project, first announced last May, is to be financed by the film and television industries together with the Department of Trade and Industry and the British Overseas Trade Board - a rare and encouraging gesture of government support for the national cinema. It sets out to be "a celebration and a promotion of British cinema", aiming to

"Encourage everyone to go to the cinema because that's the best place

"Highlight one of Britain's great national assets; our unmatched wealth of film-making talents, skills

To promote the cinema at home a travelling road show will visit major cities, bringing all the traditional paraphernalis of movie publicity – personalities, displays, competitions, prizes, talks and seminars, local radio and television link-ups. Northern Ireland is regretiably excluded from the tour, for reasons not clearly explained.

At a more immediately practical level, the three major exhibition circuits have pledged themselves to spend one million pounds a month each on improving their theatres, which will no doubt make things better for patrons, but at the same time will only help to consolidate the monopolistic situation which for generations has handicapped our cinema and defied improvement.

Abroad, promotional events planned for "the major commercial markets across the world" have as the centrepiece the British Film

Year Pavilion: "One of the most impressive promotional vehicles for the United Kingdom ever to leave these shores. Designed by Button Contracts, the Pavilion consists of a series of space-age modules" in which "visitors will experience specially programmed audio-visual displays, trailers, clips and stills from forthcoming British films, and exciting exhibitions of posters, sets, equipment, costumes and previously unseen memorabilia from British films from the 1890s to the present

The promotion and celebration of British films at a time when their standing and confidence are high deserves the most positive support; and David Puttnam's admonishment ought to be redundant: "We're working damned hard to try and make it work. If you choose to be cynical about it, if you choose to ignore it, if you choose not to support it, if you choose to trash it, we are in a lot of trouble."

With three months to go before the official launching of British Film Year, however, it is not cynical, "trashing", unsupportive or unpa-triotic to admit certain dangers. The most crucial of these is that the space-age Pavilions, the admen's ballyhoo and the euphoria of enthusiasm could all too easily obscure the ultimate and central concern - what kind of cinema it is that is to be promoted.

By definition, this British Film is intended primarily as a promotion of the industry, and this is stressed throughout the literature put out by the organizers. The 60 names of members of the organizing

ative film-maker (though the chairman is Sir Richard Attenborough and the vice-chairmen include the producers Oliver Parsons and David Puttnam). Only once does the word "art" slip out, in a letter from the Minister of State for Industry, Mr Norman Lamont, which speaks of the cinema's unique and magical combination of technology, skill and

In the end though it is art, whether good or bad, that this industry is making and marketing, and it is art that the public buy, though it would never do to tell them so. So what manner of national movie art are we to celebrate in British Film Year? The publicity claims "In the 1980s, with superb new sound and projection equipment and with the vast sums being spent by film-makers on the type of special effects that can only be truly appreciated on the big screen, the cinema can offer a more exciting and rewarding experience than ever before". There is already a debatable implication here that the cidema of Gremlins and Ghostbusters is of its nature more exciting and rewarding than the cinema of Bunuel or Renoir or Fellini or Ford or Chaplin; or (to come nearer home) Hitchcock or Reed or Lean or Powell or Jennings or Anderson or Bill Forsyth or Stephen Frears.

for screenings abroad consists of 21 films made since the late Seventies (in what are styled "The Revival Years") augmented by eight British Academy Award Winners, dating back to Olivier's Hamlet. (Chariots

Expunged from his filmography: Ian Charleson (right) in Derek Jarman's Jubilee, with Karl Johnson and Linda Spurrier of Fire and Gandhi figure in both nothing to rock the boat, as Looks lists.) It is an impressive group of films, even if the "Britishness" of and Smiles or Britannia Hospital or Babylon or Jubilee might do. It is notable moreover that out of the 21 one or two enterprises might be questioned: Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence after all was made by a Japanese director in Japan and New films 14 find their subjects in the

nally a Franco-British co-prothat we are projecting. duction, was made by a Polish director who for legal reasons was Perhaps it reflects something of the nature of the "renaissance" not able to set foot on British soil. are inclined currently to celebrate. The omissions are more troub-The first book dedicated to "The ling. Although there are two films by Bill Forsyth and two by Hugh New British Cinema". James Park's Learning to Dream (Faber, £3.25), Hudson (one of which, Greystoke, brings more sharply into focus some only emerged, according to the of its perils and pitfalls. director's own testimony, much crippled), there is none for example Lindsay Anderson, Ken Loach, Nicholas Roeg, Ken Russell, Mike Leigh, Derek Jarman or John Schlesinger, all of whom command

The book is evidently a hasty work, run up as a pièce d'occasion for British Film Year, and staggers from bland truisms ("A central challange for the film-maker is to find a way of using the camera to express the film's main themes") to hair-raising generalizations (he cre-Film School with "cinema films deal with the enigma of the image, whereas television drama deals with the explanation of the image"). Praising the cinematic culture of the

past. Every one of our eight Oscar-winners has been a period piece. It is a somewhat partial image of Britain

new generation, while condemning Those who criticise or write about film and manifest in their work a deep lack of awareness about the acheivements of world cinema and a profound level of cinematic illiter-acy", Mr Park's only invocation of film history is to speak of Max (sic) Sennett and D. W. Griffiths (sic).

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As instance of the new cosmopolitanism he notes that Michael Radford (1984) keeps a flat in Paris in which to write. The historic sense is to be judged from the book's opening sentence: "The history of British cinema has been one of unparalleled mediocrity . . . with the exception of a few major directors".

In large part based on interviews with British directors of the Eighties. the book accurately reflects the dominating success motive: "Newly developed sources of finance are looking... to anyone who seems capable of taking British films to new heights of commercial success or critical acclaim". From this follows a rejection equally of past achievements and of the private, exploratory avant-gardes. "The past failures of film in Britain" present a challenge; but not, it seems, the successes. "You cannot get away with the sort of old-fashioned humanist directing that they were

doing ten years ago."
"Private film-making and ghetto art" are lumped with "vapid commercialism" for rejection. There is no mention in the book of Mike Leigh or Terence Davies (recipient of this year's British Film Institute Award), or of any film by Derek Jarman. (Typical of the "New Cinema" mistrust of independent film-makers was the edict that went out after lan Charleson had a success in Chariots of Fire that Jarman's Jubilee be permanently expunged from his filmography.)

It will be a fatal failure both in the New British Cinema" and British Film Year if there is no place or understanding for cultural heritage, and for the mavericks, misfils, adventurers, experimenters, dissenters, dreamers and failures of our cinema alongside those who have made the grade to the American markets and the Hollywood awards which we see, to our peril, as the ultimate accolade.

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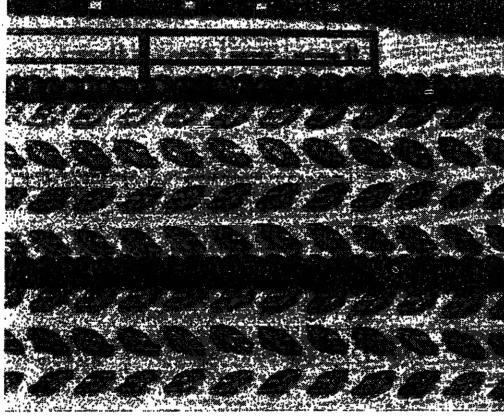
#### **Galleries** Automobile and Culture

When you consider how the

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles

automobile has changed all our lives during the twentieth that it has not impinged more than it has on the aris in general. Looking round the imposing and imaginative show Automobile and Culture at the Los Angeles Museum of Con-temporary Art until January 6, one could be forgiven for wondering whether this might not be because the cars themselves are frequently so complete and expressive as works of art that anything else would be gilding the lily.

The great advantage of this show is its location, still in the "Temporary Contemporary" downtown, which used apparently to be a police garage, and has all the space in the world to show the original cars as well as artists' extrapolations. It begins at the beginning - before the beginning, indeed, with the futuristic designs of Leonardo appear as a picturesque prop, as a rule decorously parked and quietly indicative of luxury and



Contemporary totems: detail from Roger Brown's Grand Spaulding Dodge (1975)

da Vinci. Then, in the 1900s, and the most extreme ex- attraction, implying everything Benton and Hopper and others the car itself gradually starts to pression of this feeling in the which excitingly separated the very soon start to take the car show in no doubt the Finn present from the past, and so for granted as an ordinary tool Gallen-Kallela's frantic vision the modern myth of the motor of life. It figures, naturally, in

One or two artists are rape by a fiend at the wheel of a that kind all too rapidly fades cyclently worried by the danger racing motor. Shortly after, for into everyday reality, and in the Italian Futurists the speed American painting of the Lempicka's famously glamorquiet, let alone life and limb, of the thing became its principal interwar period we find that

the high life.

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Was well and truly born.

But, as we know, magic of graphs of the period, and still that kind all too rapidly fades stands for luxury in a few represented to peace and the field after.

But, at least until the Fifties, the car itself is the thing. All these gleaming monsters (for one does not, on the whole,

remember just how big a lot of the early cars were) compete for our attention as the shape changes from upright and spiky to low and smoothly streamlined, reaching a sort of ne plus ultra in the experimental Phantom Corsair Six-Passenger Coupe of 1938, made not far away in Pasadena, a bug so smooth and black and sinister would not have minded being transformed into it.

With the Fifties come the fins, and Steinberg to celebrate mode and camp and nostalgia out of which eventually grows Pop Art. The show has one of Peter Phillips's pin-ups somer-saulting amid flying car-parts, and, more reductively, the Picasso sculpture of a Baboon and Young (1952) the head of which is made out of a toy car. There is also the classic Kienholz piece of sculptural erotica Back Seat Dodge '38, with its suggested lovers inextricably entangled, and the show is rounded off by half-a-dozen specially commissioned pieces, of which those by the best-known artists, such as James Rosenquist and Ed Ruscha, alas do not quite match their earlier animadversions on the auto, such as Ruscha's unforgettable Burning Gas Station of 1965-66. Even here, there does not seem to be so much a mere artist can do, faced with the car itself. most potent of contemporary

John Russell Taylor

## **Television**

Vidal's stimulating cynicism

respond to Venice as the Flopsy able amount of history was Bunnies responded to lettuces, packed into the hour, and the there is much greedy consumption of the luscious delights on offer and the effect is ultimately soporific. However, the first part of Vidal In Venice (Channel 4) achieved the opposite illustrate the narrative. the viewer long for the BBC's impression. Frankenstein (ITV) also encasual expertise with costume

"Brace yourselves for our first cliche", commanded Gore Vidal as we embarked on the obligatory voyage through the Grand Canal, and his stimulating cynicism continued to propel us with renewed interest through the panorama of candystriped gondola poles, sunkissed cupolas and shuffling gangs of tourists.

In addition to Vidal's sardonic tone his fascination with the less admirable aspects of the Venetian character made the familiar tales of Adriatic history all the more enthralling. With a touch of transatlantic puritanism Vidal expounded the role of greed in Venetian mastery of the seas and lovingly flicked through the renaissance archives in search of evidence of blasphemy, corruption and evildoing. His only regret was that the archives did not record the exploits of the hit-man in holy orders who was dispatched to assassinate the Holy Roman Emperor.

Despite the world-weary sophistication of Vidal's asides to the audience, and a di-gression in search of his

Sense of humour and warmth

of heart: Donald McIntyre's

evening - a future Sachs here -and the chorus brought a polyphonic splendour to all

McIntyre's Sachs is a natural

sequel to his Gurnemanz for Welsh National's Parsifal. He

presented a handsome, seasoned figure, a gentle giant whose domination of the stage

matched his sense of humour and warmth of heart. This was also a Sachs of physical

strength, at home as much by

the work-bench as in the Act II

punch-up, capable of man-handling David and the eloping

couple with awesome power

and stunning Eva with his

outburst in the early part of Act

III. McIntyre stood front-ofstage for the monologues, a risk that paid off in the way they

revealed the inner passions and

frustrations of a man who

wrestles with the imponderables

The orchestra's two-and-a-

half year absence from the pit

appears to have done it nothing

but good: brass and strings were

full of bloom and the string flights immaculate. Leitner

invested the finales to Acts. I

and II with exuberance, and his

control over the concerted

passages on stage - especially effective in the Act I song trial -

was a timely reminder of his

gifts as a theatre conductor.

With this production Leitner

Zürich pit. Like Drese's ad-

ministration, his will be a hard

Andrew Clark

their contributions.

Sachs

producer/director Mischa Scorer luckily enjoyed a budget adequate to visit Crete and Paxos, and to hire the ideal complement of helicopters to

joyed a substantial budget, which might have been well deployed in hiring a script editor to dispose of lines like "Dr Frankenstein, what have you done?". Robert Powell, Carrie Fisher and David War-

cast which also included Susan Wooldridge, who made her name as Daphne Manners in The Jewel in the Crown. It was, despite the best efforts of all these players, a plodding, literalminded production which made drama. It is sad when an actress emotes soulfully in a romantic interlude and her voice is obscured by the crackling of her crisp petticoats.

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berg for the reopening of the Zürich opera house. It was Drese's gifts as an administrator and conjuror of exciting artistic alliances that attracted the The best theatre directors rarely make the best stage directors - as Claus Helmut Drese has proved with his new production

Austrian cultural authorities when they were looking for a new director for the Vienna State Opera. Judging by the way

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of Die Meistersinger von Nurn- Drese has consolidated Zürich's reputation over the past ten years, at the same time as squeezing from the city well over £20m in modernization costs and weathering the social protest it provoked, Vienna has found the right man. But Drese will have much

strengths.

less scope for staging his own productions when he leaves for Vienna in 1986, and that is a good thing too. With one or two exceptions, Drese's Zürich productions have been dull, arch-conservative affairs, relieved only by an astute choice of singers and the outstanding conducting of Ferdinand Leitner. The new Meistersinger has reflected these relative these relative

Drese places Nürnberg firmly

in the early nineteenth century... The opening chorale, which fits in both a baptism and the taking of the church collection. is Lutheran in its plain atmosphere, while the mert conformity of the Mastersingers in Act I and the sweeping of the streets by the Apprentices at the start of Act II evoke a grey burgerlich sobriety. Sachs departs for the Festwiese in a black frock coat, but most of the costumes for the townsmen seem to have been lifted from the medieval crusades, and the guilds are escorted by the same police presence around the opera

house of Zurich's riot police.



announced after the dress his familiar, bluff Stolzing quite was not the character singer

the mean for a hundred and Tschammer's Pogner offered one small-town German pro-

ductions - Nurnberg's sentrybox architecture and spraypaint coating in Act II are drab and wintry - and, for long stretches of the evening. Drese's direction suffers from a similar lack of imagination.
The cast, headed by Donald

McIntyre singing his first Sachs. was more engaging, though Drese must have had to swallow hard when Peter Hofmann rehearsal that a leg injury would prevent him taking any further part in the production. Rene Kollo was flown in from Vienna for the opening night, making at home. The Eva, Beatrice posse that accompanied the Niehoff, was completely out-nightwatchman, an idea uncom-classed in youthful radiance and ends his long and productive association with Wagner in the fortably close to the saturation vocal beauty by Anne Gjevang's presence around the opera Magdalene, Rudolf Hartmann Jorg Zimmermann's decor is needed for Beckmesser. Hans

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Something dead strange has happened to Christmas. It's just not the same as it used to be when I was a kid. In fact I've never really got over the trauma of finding out that my parents had been lying to me annually about the existence of Santa Claus.

To me then at the age of 11, Santa Claus was a bit like God; all seeing, all knowing, but without the lousy things that God allows to happen; earthquakes, famines, motorway crashes. I would lie in bed under the blankets (how crude the word blankets sounds today when we are all conversant with the Tog rating of continental quilts). my heart pounding and palms sweaty in anticipation of the virgin Beano album. I would imagine big jolly Santa looking from his celestial sledge over our cul-de-sac and saying to his elves: Give Adrian Mole something decent this year. He is a good lad. He never forgets to put the lavatory seat down. Ah... the folly of the Child!

Alas, now at the age of maturity (16

Alas, now at the age of maturity (16 years, four months and three days, five hours and six minutes) ... I know that my parents walk around the town centre, wild-eyed with consumer panic, chanting desperately: "What shall we get for Adrian?" Is it any wonder that Christmas Eve has lost its awe?

#### 2.15am



Just got back from the Midnight Service. As usual it dragged on far too long. My Mother started getting fidgety after the first hour of the Co-op Young Wives' carols. She kept whispering: " shall have to go home soon or that bloody turkey will never be thawed out for the morning". Once again the Nativity playlet was ruined by having a live donkey in the church. It never behaves itself and always causes a major disturbance, so why does the vicar inflict it on us? OK, so his brother- in-law runs a donkey sanctuary, but so what? To be fair, the effect of the Midnight Service was dead moving. Even to me who is a committed nihilistic existentialist.

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Not a bad collection of presents considering my Dad's redundant. I got the grey zip-up cardigan I asked for. My Mother said: "If you want to look like a 16-year-old Frank Bough then go ahead, wear the thing!" The Oxford Dictionary will come in useful for increasing my word power. But the best present of all was the electric shaver. I have already had three shaves. My chin is as smooth as a billiard ball. Somebody should get one for Leon Brittan. It is not good for Britain's image for a Cabinet Minister to go around looking like a gangster who has been in the cells of a New York police station all night.

The lousy Sugdens, my mother's inbred Norfolk relations, turned up at 11.30am. So I got my parents out of bed and then retired to my room to read my *Beano* annual. Perhaps I am too worldly and literate nowadays, but was quite disappointed at its childish level of humour. I emerged from my



room in time for Christmas dinner and was forced to engage the Sugdens in conversation. They told me in minute mind-boggling detail about the life-cycle of King Edward potatoes, from tuber to chip pan. They were not a bit interested in my conversation about the Norwegian Leather Industry. In fact they looked bored. Just my luck to have Philistines for relations!

Dinner was late as usual, my Mother has never learnt the secret of coordinating the ingredients of a meal. Her gravy is always made before the roast potatoes have turned brown. I went into the kitchen to give her some advice, but she shouted, "Get out of it", through the steam. When it came the meal was quite nice but there was no witty repartee over the table, not a single hilarious anecdote was told. In fact I wish I had my Xmas dinner with Ned Sherrin. His relations are dead lucky to have him. I bet their sides

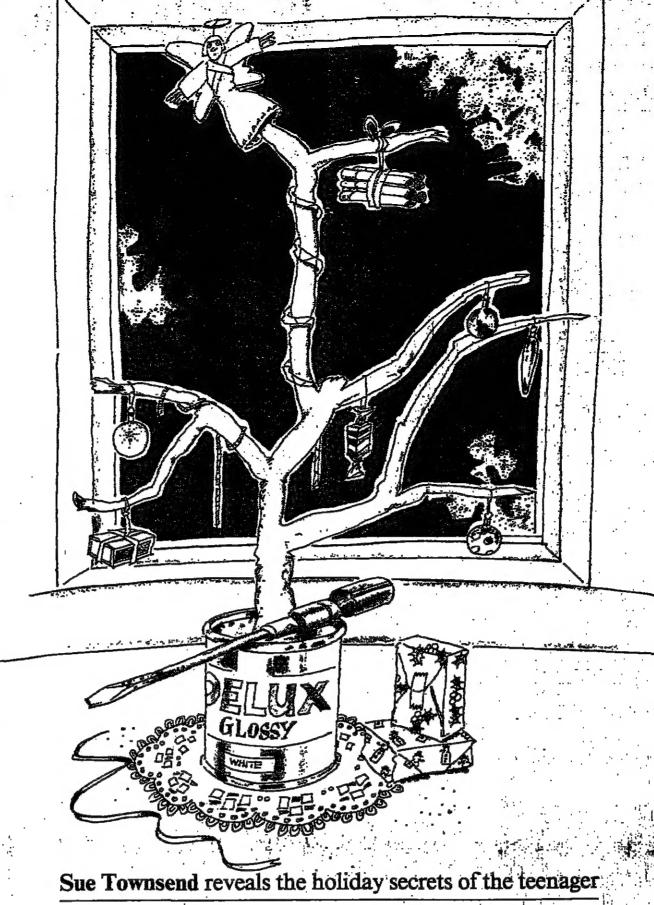
ache from laughing.
The Sugdens do not approve of drink, so every time my parents even looked at a bottle of spirits they tightened their lips and sipped at their tea. And it is possible to do both. (I have seen it with my own eyes.) In the evening we all had a desultory game of cards, Grandad Sugden won £4,000 off my father. There was a lot of joking about my Father giving Grandad Sugden-an IOU, but my father said to me in the kitchen: "No way am I putting my name to page, that mean putting my name to paper, that mean old git would have me in court as fast as you could say King Edward!"

The Sugdens went to bed early on our rusty camp beds. They are leaving for Norfolk at dawn because they are worried about potato poachers. I now know why my Mother turned out to be wilful and prone towards alcohol abuse, it is a reaction against her lousy moronic upbringing in the middle of the potato field.

#### **BOXING DAY**

was woken at dawn by the sound of Grandad Sugden's rusty Ford Escort refusing to start. I know I should have gone down into the street and helped to push it but Grandma Sugden seemed to be doing all right on her own. It must be all those years of flinging sacks of potatoes about. My parents were wisely pretending to be asleep, but I know they were awake because I could hear coarse laughter coming from their bedroom, and when the Sugdens' engine came alive and the Escort finally turned the corner of our cul-de-sac I distinctly heard the sound of a champagne cork popping and the chink of glasses. Not to mention the

Went back to sleep but the dog licked me awake at 9.30 so I took it for a walk past Pandora's house. Her Dad's Volvo was not in the drive so they must still be staying with their



and poet whose diaries are a legend in his own time

rich relations. On the way back I passed Barry Kent who was kicking a football up against the wall of the old people's home. He seemed full of seasonal goodwill for once, and I stopped to talk to him. He asked what I had had for Christmas. I told him and I asked him what he had had. He looked embarrassed and said: "I ain't 'ad much this year 'cos our Dad's lost his job". I asked him what happened and he said "I dunno, our Dad says Mrs Thatcher took it off him". I said: "What, personally?" Barry shrugged and said: "Well that's what our Dad

Barry asked me back to his house for a cup of tea so I went to show that I bore him no grudge from the days when he used to demand money with menaces from me. The outside of the | Hi Tech but I kept my mouth shut. Kents' council house looked very grim | I asked the Kent children what t (Barry told me that the council has been promising to mend the fences, doors and windows for years), but the inside looked magical. Paper chains were hung everywhere almost com-pletely hiding the cracks in the walls and ceilings. Mr Kent had been out into the community and found a large branch, painted it with white gloss paint and stuck it into the empty paint tin. This branch very effectively took the place of a Christmas tree in my opinion, but Mrs Kent said, sadly: "But it's not the same really, not if the only reason you've got it is because you can't afford to have a real plastic one". I was going to say that their improvised tree was modernistic and

I asked the Kent children what they had had for Christmas and they said: "Shoes", so I had to pretend to admire them. I had no choice because they kept sticking them under my nose. Mr and Mrs Kent laughed and said: "And Mr Kent and me gave each other a packet of fags!" As you know, dear diary. I disapprove of smoking but I could understand their need to have a bit of pleasure at Christmas. So I did not give them my anti-smoking lecture. I did not ask any more questions and politely declined the mince pies they offered . . . from where I was sitting I could see into their

empty pantry.
Walking back home I wondered how my parents were able to buy decent | C Times Newspapers Ltd

Christmas presents for me. After all my Father and Mr Kent are both innocent victims of the robot culture where machines are preferred to

As I came through our back door! found out. My Father was saying: "But how the hell am I going to pay the next Access bill, Pauline?" My Mother said: "We'll have to sell something, George:



whatever happens we've got to hang on to at least one credit card, because it's impossible to live on the dole and social security." So my family's Christmas prosperity is a thin veneer. We've had it on credit.

In the afternoon we went round to In the afternoon we went round to Grandma's for Boxing Day tea. As she slurped out the trifle she complained bitterly about her Christmas Day spent at the Evergreen Club. She said: "I knew I shouldn't have gone; that filthy communist Bert Baxter got disgustingly driver on a box of liqueter ingly drunk on a box of liqueur ingly drunk on a box of liqueur chocolates and sang crude words at the carol service!" My Father said: "You should have come to us, Mum. I did ask you." Grandma said: "You only asked me once and anyway the Sugdens were there." This last remark offended my Mother. She is always criticizing her family but she hates anybody else to do the same. The tea ended in disaster when I broke a plate that Grandma had had for years. I know Grandma loves me but I have to know Grandma loves me but I have to record that on this occasion she looked at me with murder in her eyes.

She said: "Nobody will ever know what that plate meant to me." I offered to pick the pieces up but she pushed me away with the end of the hand brush. I went into the bathroom to cool down, and after 20 minutes my Mother banged on the door and said: "C'mon, Adrian, we're going home. Grandma's just told your Dad that it's his own fault he's been made redundant."

As I passed through the living room the silence between my Father and my Grandma was as solid as a doubleglazed window. As we passed Pandora's house in the car I saw that the fairy lights on the fir tree in her garden were switched on, so I asked my parents to drop me off. Pandora was ecstatic to see me at first, she rayed about the present I bought her (a solid gold bracelet from Tesco's, £2,49) but after a while she cooled a bit and started going on about the Christmas houseparty she'd been to. She made a lot of references to a boy called Crispin Wartog-Lowndes. Apparently he is an expert rower and he rowed Pandora across a lake on Christmas Day. Whilst doing so he quoted from the works of Percy Bysshe Shelley. According to Pandora there was a mist on the lake. I got into a silent jealous rage and imagined pushing Crispin Wartog-Lowndes's stupid face under the lake until he'd forgotten about Pandora, Christmas and Shelley. I got into bed at I am worn out with all the emotion. In fact, as I lay in the dark, tears came to my eyes, especially when I remem-bered the Kents' empty pantry. Illustrations by Caroline Holden

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## **Pure fiction**

Stevenson novella, written almost a century ago but heavily censored in Victorian England, has at long last been published in its original form by Stanford University Press.

It is the first time the 50,000 word novella, The Beach of Falesa, by the Scottish-born author

of such classics as Treasure Island and Kidnapped, has appeared in print as he wrote it in 1892, just two years before he

In the Stanford publication, prepared by Professor Barry Menikoff a professor of English at the University of Hawaii, the original text is given in full, along with a line-by-line account of how it was bowdle-

In an introduction to the story and the book entitled Robert Louis Stevenson and The Beach of Falesa: a study in Victorian publishing, Professor Menikoff writes: "Falesa never appeared in print as Stevenson wrote it. Of all his texts, this was the most mutilated and corrupted. Punctuation was systematically altered, language was revised, distorted or deleted, entire passages were garbled or bowdlerized.

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publishers, editors and friends and finally of the abuse of art by Stevenson himself in sanctioning a corrupt text."

The book was never published as written because, as Professor Menikoff believes, "the book ran counter to some of the most deeply held political, sexual and religious convictions of those responsible for its publication."

The tale is set in the Western Pacific and, using pidgin English and rough slang of the region, recounts the story of a white trader who sleeps with and later marries a stunning native girl named Uma. It deals with miscegenation, colonialism and the exploitation of

brown people. Stevenson referred to the early printed version of his novella as "the slashed and gaping ruins" of his art.

There are no sex scenes in the book, just the description of the "bridal night" focusing on the devotion of the girl and the guilt of the man who has exploited

"Now, however, the story of the *The Beach of Falesa* is unlikely to disturb even the most refined taste of (anyone) today," Professor Menikoff

He was given permission to

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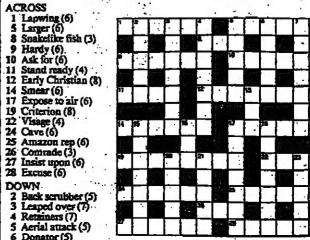
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### FRIDAY PAGE

## The real woman of substance



How the American actress Diane Baker (left) won her battle to

turn the upstairs

downstairs story of a Yorkshire servant girl's rise to wealth and power into a top-selling quality television series

If America's reaction is anything to go by, the majority of British women —and a lot of men as well – will be glued to their TV screens on January 2 3 and 4, when the mini-series A Woman of Substance is shown on

Adapted from Barbara Taylor Bradford's best-selling book of the same title, the six-hour series is the tale of a poor Yorkshire servant girl's rise to wealth and power. All the stock ingredients are there - class struggles, deceitful lovers. catastrophic revenge, vast riches, stark contrasts, reversals of fortune, scheming, ungrateful children, sins being visited on future generations.

But the true story of how one beautiful woman fought against almighty odds to bring this fantasy fiction - which in America has attracted ratings to rival Dynasty and Dallas - to the small screen is itself a saga.

Stunning American actress Diane Baker, who had formed her own production company some years earlier, felt she was just the person to produce a TV version of the novel. The author agreed. Though Mrs Bradford had received many tempting offers for TV rights, all were from companies wanting to give the book a lowbrow, Lace or Thornbirds

Barbara Taylor Bradford already knew, liked and trusted Diane Baker, so she sold the rights to Miss Baker's virtually one-woman com-pany, Artemis Productions.

#### 'I had to take on the big boys and try to beat them at their own game'

That was the easy bit. The next stage, obtaining the right kind of finance, was harder. Diane, single and in her early 40s, said at her home in Los Angeles last week Literally within minutes of buying the book, I was making arrange ments with Operation Prime Time, one of the more discerning American networks, to put up some of the

"I was working right outside the system, so had to learn as I went. I had to take on all the big boys and try to beat them at their own game. And then came the disappointments. I trudged round company after company and they all said no to my kind of treatment. They wanted a lavish all-American production, set in Kentucky or somewhere, instead of Yorkshire.

But I knew that wouldn't be right for the spirit of the book. So I decided to come to England for the rest of the financing. I met several

companies, but they also all wanted. to do it their way. Evenmally I approached the independent firm of Portman Productions, who put up the rest of the money.

They wanted to show that a British company, with a virtually all-British production, acting and writing team, could take the American market by storm."

**Underneath I was** terrified but when it came to editing I knew we had won

Diane next approached the novelist and playwright, Lee Langley, to write the screenplay. "I knew Lee was just the person to do a faithful but dramatic adaptation", Diane said. "The strong story is still there, but with plenty of exciting dialogue, in contrast to *Lace*, for example, where the characters hardly have to say anything.

Throughout, we were very careful to keep the script truthful. The fact that we had no spare money to throw around actually worked in our favour. We had to get it all absolutely right from the beginning.

We became paranoid if somebody had even a cup of tea too many. I was deeply wounded when any crew member put in a chit for more hours than he'd actually worked. Next time, I shall handpick every member of the set.

"I did feel, though, that the series would need American strength and pacing. Throughout the shooting, I kept thinking of Gone With the



Peter Chelsom as Edwin Fairley in romantically playful mood with Jenny Seagrove as Emma Harte

Wind, and asking myself, why is it so good? Why do people see it time

The reason, Diane decided, was because it had a broad canvas and contained both intellectual and emotional ingredients. "I decided that a Jewel in the Crown approach would be wrong - it was too slow for this book," Diane said.

"I'd never made a big film before, so I was working on hope and trust all the way through. But I knew I must never lose sight of my original objective. It was vital for me to get it right, and it all depended on my vision being carried through.

"Underneath, I was terrified, but when we came to the closing stages of the editing, I knew we had done it. Then I realized I had been in a state of grand shock for over a year. It was good really that there was never time to stop and ask, will it work, won't it work?

"We had to be absolutely authentic throughout. Having seen Jenny Seagrove, I knew she was just right for the main character, Emma Harte. Nobody else in the whole world could have played Emma. Then Jenny had such a strong resemblance to Deborah Kerr, who was spot-on for the older Emma.

We were also determined to have everything exact, down to the Hermes scarf Emma was wearing at a certain point. We went to people all over the place and asked them to open up their wardrobes for us.

"I have the very strong feeling now that it was all meant to be. A guardian angel was watching over me the entire time. One wintry, rainy day in Yorkshire last November, we discovered the right house. It looked deserted, as all the shutters were up, but I walked to the front door and knocked. Ages later, a young man came to the door. He and his mother lived huddled up in a corner of the house.

"We asked if we could look over it and discussed the possibility of using it." Months later, that house became the main location for the

Diane said: "There were so many obstacles to making the film, not

least of which were a horrifically



Deborah Kerr as the older Emma Harte; Barry Bostwick as Paul McGill in a tender scene, and Jenny Seagrove

to be carefully accounted for. Yet, I knew it must be perfect, with no corners being cut. 'I've proved that a

tight budget and timing schedule. We didn't have the money the

networks have, so every penny had

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high-quality series can be as successful as the lowest stuff'

But she added: "On most film sets, you hear stories of how people didn't get on. This didn't happen with us. It was my very first experience of working in Britan and it's been fantastic.

I found Channel Four to be strange and marvellous animal. They were so polite, gentlemanly If you look closely during the series, you can see Diane Baker playing, in low-key fashion, a minor

part in A Woman of Substance. She said: "I've proved now that a high-quality series can be as successful as the lowest common denominator stuff. The story is a classic woman's struggle, and women all over the world can identify with Emma's plight and eventual success." Already, the mini-series has been sold worldwide, to the Far East, Australia, Spain, and Germany.

And Diane Baker's plans for the future: "I haven't decided whether to do another film or take a course in New York. Though I'm now a producer. I believe in keeping my

Liz Hodgkinson

## FIRST PERSON

#### Raw deals in store

This country has always been split by concepts of class: it is now about to be divided in yet another way – those who work in service industries. especially retail distribution, and

At present, shop assistants are at best only second class citizens. They are spoken to with rudeness and arrogance, and treated with con-tempt in the certain knowledge by the public that they cannot in any way answer back or speak up for themselves. They are obliged to work at least every other Saturday and frequently late into the evening. making the visits to theatre and similar outings which other people take for granted dependent on their choice co-inciding with an early rota. Normal weekend family life is a formightly occurence.

The hourly wage is on average considerably lower than that paid to domestic cleaners; working con-ditions are far worse than those tolerated in factories. For instance, in the company which employs me the day is split into two eight-hour rotas since the store is open from 10am until 8pm. On the early shift, from 10am until 6pm, two breaks are allowed: one of 60 minutes, one of 15 minutes. On the late shift, from noon until 8 pm, one break of 15 minutes and one of 30 minutes is allowed. leaving a total of seven and a quarter hours of continuous standing.

There is no rest room, and the only place to sit during these rest/meal periods is on hard, moulded plastic chairs in the canteen. There is nowhere on the shop floor to ease the fatigue. I have no reason to beleive that these conditions are unusual.

While many people are enjoying a ten-day Christmas and New Year holiday, this year, those in the distributive trades will have a rest of only two days between the gruelling run-up to Christmas and the onslaught of the winter sales.

Now a seven-day week is proposed threatening not only the last vestigies of the sanctity of the Lord's Day, but the sanctity of family life. If father or mother works on Sunday and has another day of the week off in lier, will the children be able to take a day off school to be with them? When will families and friends be able to get together, or is it to be assumed that because of their lowly status such things are of no importance?

Surely six days a week are purchases they require. After all, retail employees also have to shop they have less time available than any other section of the population but they manage.

I can bear the mutterings of disagreement: "Well, you knew what retail was about when you chose it!" For many there was no choice: They may have had insufficient education to be able to obtain any other employment; they may have lost other, better, jobs through redundancy; perhaps they were too old for

Can there be any justification for this exploitation in this so-called enlightened age? Or are we hell-bent on returning to Victorian values - of morality as well as of monetarism?

Jean Gold

#### Computer fever?



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If you have just given your children a new comwhich they have been solidly playing since Tuesday, spare a

thought for the young man who caught a finger in the keys of his own home system earlier this year. He tore his skin painfully, and ignored the injury initially: eventually he became quite ill and was diagnosed as suffering from scarlet fever.

This extraordinary tale is recounted in the latest issue of Journal of the Royal College of Practitioners by Dr Eric Walker of the University Department of Infectious Diseases at Glas-

Scarlet fever is not, as might be commonly supposed, always caught through the respiratory system. It is a bacterial infection caused by one of the strains of

People who have been badly burnt or who have diseases like scables may also contract this infection directly through the skip. And a number of septicaemias (blood poisonings) caused by other bacteria may develop by this route.

You could be forgiven for believing that medical concern about the dangers of addiction is just a preoccupation of the latter part of the 20th century: heroin, cocaine and give-sniffing, particuarly, being the tragic legacy of the permissive Sixties. You might be interested to visit an exhibition in the next few weeks which shows how an understanding of the problems has developed. Entitled "Morbid Cravings, the Emergence of Addiction," the exhibition marks the centenary of the

addictive properties of different substances was widely ex-pressed in the 18th century. Alcohol was the first and prime target of concern, but opium and morphine followed in the 19th

William Hogarth's engrav-ings of Beer Street and Gin

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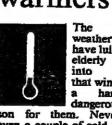
The exhibition covers tobacco, opium, the early sleeping draughts chloral hydrate and paraideyde, as well as amphetamines, barbiturates and cocaine.

Sherlock Holmes is, perhaps, the most famous fictional character who indulged in cocaine. Conan Doyle's earliest references were made in the 1880s when it was still believed to be a wonder drug.

As the years passed and medical enthusiasm waned. Dr Watson's approach to Holmes's habit subtly shifts and become incressingly critical. In the Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarters of 1896 Watson refers to a "drug mania" threatening his colleague's career.

\*Open from Jan 2-25. Mon-Fri 9.45am-5.15pm, at the Wel-lcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Enston Road,

#### Winter warmers



people believing elderly into that winter is not harsh dangerous son for them. Nevertheless, even a couple of cold days can

lead to problems of hypotherelderly people who become cold do not realize that it is chilly in

their homes - their temperature temperatures and they claim they are warm. So advice to keep well clothed, with radiators turned

up and fires blazing, is often ignored - partly because of economy and partly because the warning seems unnecessary. However, a simple ther-mometer has been distributed

to 110,000 homes by a number of local councils. At a glance it is possible to see what the room temperature is and change the heating if necessary. The thermometer, with tem-

perature sensitive crystals, is just a card with a scale. Along one band it reads: 10° to 13°C Too Cold, Danger; the next band reads: 16° to 21°C, Ideal. The top band 24° to 27°C states Too Hot Save It

The gadget was developed by a Northampton firm last year, initially it was used there, and now Kent, Humberside, Liverpool, Birmingham, the Western Isles, Northern Ireland and Exeter have ordered supplies.

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

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the British Medical Journal. rural, one urban and one

industrial - from 1978 to 1982 were analysed. The number of crimes committed on days when the moon was full was markedly higher

month. A small but comparatively insignificant increase was seen on new moon days.

The commentators from the Department of Medicine, Patna Medical College, who have previously shown that self-poisonings are also more likely on full moon days, put forward an interesting, if speculative, hypothesis to explain the pattern.

The incidence of crimes The daily rhythm of the reported to three police stations human body - and that of in different towns in India - one animals - is well documented but not fully understood.

The Indian researchers suggest that this monthly pattern may be something to do with the observation that at least 50 than on any other day in the per cent of the human body is water. Some "tidai wave" possibly generated by the gravitational pull of the moon.

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#### **SOUTH AFRICA** DIARY

Michael Hornsby

#### No, don't drop in

Johannesburg One of the few people in South Africa with cause for celebration this Christmas season is Simon Davey, the British consul in Durban, whose premises were occupied for three months by a trio of arri-apartheid campaigners seeking shelter from the security police. Davey spent a total of 35 nights sleeping on the floor of his office as London had decreed that he and his staff must share the discomforts of their unwanted guests, who were not to be left unattended.

All in all, it has been a trying year for British diplomats here, but one that provided plenty of material for the annual Christmas panto staged by embassy staff in Pretoria last week. This year's effort was called Jock and the Beanstalk, the principal boy being played by a Scots lass

from Registry.

Having sold the family cow, a wobbly-legged creature called Zola. for a bag of beans, Jock climbs the resultant beanstalk to Cloud-cuckoo Land, where apartheid is "just a pigment of the imagination," and takes refuge in the British embassy from its ruler, a big, bad giant. He is allowed in only after some delicate negotiations with two twittish, monocled and bowler-hatted embassy types suffering from "diplo-mats" bottom." a painful condition caused by "too much sitting on the lence."

#### Midsummer's chill wind

This has been a rather glum and low-key Christmas for South Africa's whites, a manie-depressive bunch who always seem to be either riding a crest of cuphoria or else plunged in a trough of equally exaggerated despair.

The main cause of gloom is the falling gold price, still the bellwether of the economy, and the generally depressed economic cli-mate, which has led to mass lay-offs and widespread business failures.

Downturns in the business cycle

have generally coincided with periods of political unrest. Thus a sharp recession in 1960-62 was caused by the Sharpeville shootings and the ensuing international outery. The tough measures taken by the government to restore confi-dence stimulated a decade of spectacular economic growth. In 1974 another serious downturn began, parily caused by the world recession after the rise in oil prices, but greatly exacerbated by the 1976 Soweto riots and the chaotic collapse

Once again, however, a crisis of confidence was followed by a spectacular boom, this time fuelled by a dramatic rise in the gold price. In 1980 South Africa's rate of economic growth - 8 per cent - was probably the highest in the world. Now it has one of the lowest, and the political future is looking

of the Portuguese colonial empire in neighbouring Angola and Mozambi-

distinctly uncertain again.

For the first time in the three years I have been here. I have heard whites at dinner parties in Johannes burg's smart northern suburbs seriously discussing the pros and cons of staying in the country. No doubt this mood of introspection

#### Seething violence behind the calm

It is the surface stability of white life here that usually strikes the firsttime visitor, especially if he or she has just come from watching violent clashes between police and rioters in African townships on European or American television screens, Such scenes seldom get aired here. Most whites know more about Northern Ireland than of life in Sebokeng or Sharpeville.

South Africa is a violent country but much of the violence is bottled up in the black ghettos, out of sight and visitor alike. Soweto, the great black suburb of 1.2 million people outside Johannesburg, recorded some 1.400 murders last year, possibly the highest murder rate in

#### Rumour on the rampage

Last month an extraordinary mass panic scized whites here as rumours swept Johannesburg and other big cities that blacks were about to embark on a campaign of terror and violence against them.

Anonymous pamphlets urging blacks to rape a white woman kill a white child" were reported to be circulating. Other leaflets suppos-edly told blacks to "take the war to the white communities" and to make the white oppressors afraid in their homes as they have made us

afraid in ours". Newspapers were flooded with calls from people with horrendous tales of gangs of armed blacks roaming the streets and raping white women and children. Firebombs were said to have been thrown into whites-only cinemas. Some callers claimed "personal knowledge" of such incidents and accused the press and police of covering them up.

Businessmen claimed that a month-long general strike by black workers was imminent.

All the rumours proved totally unfounded. No one is sure how they started, though it is suggested that they could have been spread by extreme right-wing agents provocacurs. Of more import than their origin, perhaps, is that they were so easily believed.

## Gandhi: now the real challenge

Amethi, Uttar Pradesh Rajiv Gandhi's motorcade swung off the road and drew up outside an official bungalow. This was a rest official bungatow. This was a rest
stop, just a pause in the gruelling
campaign across this vast land. Mr
Gandhi got out and drank some
water. Although people bustled
about him he was suddenly alone. His expression became pensive and preoccupied. People did not bother him, it was if they respected his brief solitude, his need to withdraw into contemplation of the momentous

tasks ahead. The news from the opinion polls was already good. Mr Gandhi and his men were exhibitanted. There would be no fudging of the outcome, no alliances, no need to persuade other groups to cross the floor. Here is the crossroads. Here is the man. And if the polls and other inideations are right, here is the mandate.

I had seen Mr Gandhi's pensive look before, in 1980, when, on his brother's death, he was plucked from his valued privacy to begin an apprenticeship in power. He lit his brother's funeral pyre and burnt his own boats. His life with Sonia and their son and daughter, the comra-dely existence of an airline pilot, were changed utterly. He was reluctant, and Sonia was dismayed.

He was, however, dutiful, Because of the way politics had been shaped, his dynastic succession was inevi-table. One wonders what Nehru and his fellow idealists would have made

Still continuity is only part of the story. Voters have chosen Rajiv because he offers hope and the prospect of change; and the chance of renewal is eternally irresistible.

The party still bears his mother's name, the Indira Congress, and her words and images are everywhere, so that she rides to battle as a version of El Cid. The images have their vote-winning uses, for Mrs Gandhi retained a great well of support in spite of a growing unpopularity that would have made this election a struggle.

A communist MP has talked scornfully of Mrs Gandhi ruling from the urn. But many people, with the idea of a fresh start in the front of their minds, want to see the Indira Congress consigned to history and the growth of a different and reformed party. They want the real Rajiv to stand up.

His uniqueness is multifaceted. As a Nehru, as his mother's son, as a new man, he has everything going for him. He is no longer a political virgin, for he had four years at his mother's side, watching how the sprawling Congress machine works. But he is untainted, bearing no blame for anything his mother or his somewhat thuggish brother did.

He is also unencumbered in other ways that could make his arrival a genuine turning point. His grandfather was one of independent



Rajiv Gandhi electioneering: popular support, but will he be tough enough?

India's founders and led a body of talented men in the formation of a parliamentary democracy, the world's largest. He took pride in its infant institutions. Mrs Gandhi, too, was a veteran of the independence struggle, her roots in an older India.

But Mr Gandhi. born 40 years ago, was only knee-high to his grandfather at independence. He has known only the new India. Certainly his lineage is the vital fact, but it is his newness, his lack of ties to the past, that people find exciting.

And their support for him is an astonishing act of faith. These 730 million people know little about him; and, in truth, he can know little of the extent of his own resources, his courage, shrewdness, guile, patience, even ruthlessness, that he now has to draw on.

He has taken up the family business, and India waits to see whether political instinct lies in his genes. (His father, Feroze Gandhi, to whom he bears a strong resemblance, was a good MP).

Rajiv Gandhi comes to power at a time of acute crisis, and his arrival in the leadership is marked by its ambiguities. For here is this essentially unpolitical man leading a very political people. As this election demonstrates, and the newspapers reveal daily, this is a country of great political vigour and enthusiasm, full of schemings and schisms, and the antics of idealists and greedy men. There is more electoral gusto here

than in America or Britain. Mr Gandhi arrived on the scene with a famous distaste for the

penetrated every level of politics. He was hailed as Mr Clean only because there were so many Mr Dirties.

His mother was political to her sinews, a master operator whose horror of insecurity led her to fashion the Congress Party as her own instrument and to consolidate her leadership by breaking up regional power bases. In her reign the party became flabby, venal and

This is part of the legacy with which her son has to contend. The party depended entirely on her personality, and Mr Gandhi does not have that sort of personality. One senses that he would like to grasp the stable broom (and, already, some notorious names have gone) but the task is formidable. He talks of cleaning up, but will he also want to attempt to restore the party his mother so assiduously broke up to remove all threats? The Congress was once a great democratic vehicle and its decline is a loss to the democratic idea in India. Its revitalizing would require the broadest vision.

Many Indians are disappointed by its considerable failures and its confusing internal dissensions which in some places threatened its election performance.

As a priority, he has to resolve the Punjab question, where minor wounds festered and then burst, where a local difficulty became a tragic failure of political manage-

Bryan Appleyard on the new threats to Britain's film makers

Will the credits keep rolling?

Two British films that struck transatlantic gold: The Private Life of Henry VIII (1933) and Chariots of Fire (1981).

Today, with negligible audiences at home, only similar blockbusters can hope to cover production costs.

Placating the bruised Sikhs and restoring harmony and proper government to Punjab will be the first great tests of his political judgment and leadership.

India is well disposed to Mr. Gandhi, and he rides a wave of goodwill. People are prepared to give him time, but the hopes reposed in him are so high that disappointment would be correspondingly great. He has to become very tough and, of course, there are those who doubt that he is tough enough, and have considerable missivings about his inexperience, who feel that, while decent and well-meaning, serious and with a strong sense of duty, he may run into trouble. Still, there are no credible challengers in sight and he commands immense

loyalty.
India has a Nehru again, but a different one with different ideas. and different associates in very different times. He has not had time to invent his own programme and in this election has fallen back on his mother's serviceable ready-mades, unity and the threats from without and within.

I do not believe that India would fly apart without a Nehru in power. This is an old country, its roots are deep, and there are many binding forces. Mr Gandhi, like his mother, represents the idea of an India united. The country is excited and hopeful as the new chapter begins, and waits to see how this young man

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## The mole hunt that cannot be delayed

a former MI5 officer, created an unprecedented furore in Whitehall by breaking his cover to declare on television that British security has been so incompetent and riddled with Soviet moles that a clean-out is

urgently needed. He followed this with a 150-page confidential document supplying first-hand evidence for his allegations, in which he said he was 99 per cent certain that Sir Roger Hollis, the former director general of MI5, had been a Russian spy.

Wright was motivated by the fear. that "moles breed", meaning that any long-term Sovier agent in MI5 must have been pressured by Moscow to help insert others who would continue the treachery after he - or she - leaves the service. He suspects that Michael Bettamey, the MI5 counter-espionage officer recently convicted of contacting the KGB, could have been such a newgeneration mole, Dismissive state-ments that Wright's allegations are old and of no current consequence

Wright's document has been studied by the Prime Minister, the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, and the current MIS management headed by Sir John Jones. Yet it has produced no public response and all that has happened in private is a determined struggle to prevent any real inquiry and to suppress all demands for any improvement to the security and ntelligence services.

The Government persists in its belief that previous improvements to security are working well - even though since making that confident statement to Parliament two years ago Mrs Thatcher has been faced with the cases of Geoffrey Prime at GCHQ and Bettaney in M15.

Those MPs who normally latch

on to any security breach or bint of ncompetence have been strangely silent while making every effort to capitalize on the far less serious instances of civil servants allegedly leaking documents to newspapers. Some have been urged to wait at least until the Security Com-mission's report on Bettaney provides a "natural" reason for asking parliamentary questions. In acceptng this advice they seem to have forgotten that when the Prime Minister reported on the Commission's last inquiry into security precautions in 1981 following disclosures in my book. Their Trade is Treachery, she chose a moment when discussion was bound to be stifled - in the middle of the

Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, to whom Wright's document was first sent, went on record as saying that he would require a statement when Parlia-ment reassembled. He has failed to secure one and is unlikely to do so.

Former MI5 officers who share. Wright's fears and have been Official Secrets Act if they try to force the issue by following his lead. They have been told that any inquiry at the moment would be "extremely damaging to MI5's morale". What damage do the authorities have in mind? Is it the distasteful necessity of questioning very senior officers, past and present, about their support for Hollis and other suspected Soviet

agents such as his former deputy, Graham Mitchell?

Wright's document is galling for the Prime Minister's security acvisers, for it is first-hand confirmation of many of the facts in Their Trade is Treacher; which they urged Mrs Thatcher, to ridicule in a parliamentary statement on the book. As I have confessed in a newly published book, called Too Secret: Too Long, almost all the information in Their Trade is Treachery was given to me on the initiative of former secret service officers because they are so deeply perturbed by the danger of continuing Soviet penetration.

After discussion, however, the advisers have detected a fall-back position which they might exploit if Mrs Thatcher is forced to make a statement about Wright. She could claim that since all his information had been available to the Security. Commission from my book in its 1981 inquiry there is no need for any examination now. Though the Prime Minister may well be encouraged to try this gambit it would be falsely based because the Security Commission was not required to examine the past penetrations, though many MPs believed it was going to do so.

The second book contains a great deal of new evidence about Soviet penetration previously unknown either to Wright or to MI5 and urges an early warning system detecting incompetence and dis-loyalty in the secret services.



Wright in Australia and immune to

Though two months have passed since it was published, the only dogs which have barked, among many which could have been expected to give tongue, are those guaranteed to "rubbish" it.

The silence of aggrieved security and intelligence officers is understandable since, unlike Wright, who lives in Australia from which he cannot be extradited under the Official Secrets Act, they are vulnerable to prosecution. But why are MPs, including those of the

Opposition, so muted?
There is a tradition that issues of national security and intelligence are not normally discussed in Parliament and the Whips are required to pressing hard for action in Whitehall do all they can to preserve it. But the and Westminster have muted by the threat of prosecution under the disclosures and on the urgent need for some independent supervision of the secret services is doing the nation a serious disservice, for moles do more than burrow and breed. Eventually they surface, and another serious spy scandal, which is strengthened and effectively monitored would inflict far more damage on MI5's morale than any inquiry.

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## Must do better in 1985

friends should have had all the fun. staying late after school, sucking their thumbs, and trying to think of something positive but not down-right untruthful to write about flibbertigibbet Melanie or thicko Jason. So here is an addition to

those end-of-term reports.

The Head Girl: Margaret has had a formidably earnest term, but I think she has a tendency to take herseif too seriously. She also overworks. I disapprove of her plan to read nothing but the 75 volumes of the Stansted Inquiry report over the hols, and recommend a bit of lighter reading, say Dickens and Mayhew, which would help with her project on Victorian values. The Captain of Scarletts: Neil is a

popular and likeable boy, but he still lacks gravitas, and gasses on far too much in the Debating Soc. He needs to read something to give him a bottom of good sense and moral courage. I suggest Demosthenes Corona, and Tirant Lo Blanc, the newly translated Catalan masterpiece about a knight who stands up to the barbarians, sorcerers, and monsters who surround him.

Arthur of the Pits: I am afraid that Arthur still has not learned to read; not even the writing on the wall. We plug away with traditional fairy stories like Little Red Riding Hood and Hansel and Gretel, but he always misses the point.

David of Breakaways: I sometimes think that David speaks more sense than the rest of the school put together. But he has not made the progress we had hoped for, and he is somewhat pleased with himself, I recommend some inspiriting peni-nential reading, say Pilgrim's Pro-gress over Christmas, and something funny, say Wodehouse.

David of the Borders: In many ways the nicest child in the school, but he needs to develop stamina and fire. I think he should attempt some thunderous and very long reading over Christmas: the six-volume official history of The Times would probably be going too far, but, Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire might prove instruc-

Elizabeth Regina: Brenda has had conscientious term, as usual. She managed to get through end-of-term Speeches without once mentioning the most important thing that has happened in school, viz. the miners' strike. She is a nice, simple girl, too impressed by the Commonwealth and her own ghastly family. Over the holidays she needs to read something intelligent but frivolous: I suggest Personal Pleasures, by dear Rose Macaulay.

In general, the language of the school continues to deteriorate. I sometimes wonder whether there is anybody left outside the Classical Sixth who uses the subjunctive correctly. Children continue to use "may" when they mean "might" "I" when they mean "me", and "whom" when they mean "who", or vice versa. This is often because they are trying to sound posh, and fall into solecism. -The illogical use of "too"

continues to spread like a plague of locusts: e.g. The social fabric never appears 100 far from collapse." Bright new slang continues to come into vogue. The new word of the year is Pizazz, from our exchange arrangements with the New York School of Yinglish. Pizazz promises to become as fashionable as its. predecessor, chutzpah, from the same source.

The Stuffed Owl Award for the most successful practical joke of the year goes to In God's Name, the book alleging that Pope John Paul I was murdered by vampires, or some such nonsense. It was brilliantly hyped and brown paper-bagged. Black marks to the Literary Editor of the School Magazine for making it

the lead review on his Books Page.

I am seriously thinking of going into this genre myself next year, with a conspiracy theory based on the propinquities of Oxford geography. pointing the fickle finger of hackusstion at those deeply sinister spics, the lexicographers of the Oxford

Dictionaries in St Giles'. Have a good holiday, with lots of fresh air, good reading, and high thinking. We shall meet again next

After 35 years the post-war history of state intervention in British cinema has begun to draw to a close. The Eady Levy and the National Film Finance Corporation - both created by Sir Harold Wilson when head of the Board of Trade in 1949 -are to be swept aside. The NFFC is to be replaced by a new privately-owned "Film Bank" which will receive government support for its first five years and the levy is to be replaced by ... nothing. In short the Government seems to be pulling out completely, to the dismay of the industry's lobbyists who have pressed for everything from a levy on video cassettes to massive direct state subsidy.

The ensuing argument has pola-

rized along depressingly familiar lines. On the one hand a marketminded government wants the industry to feel the full blast of the bracing free enterprise breeze. On the other there are the "special case" arguments: the industry is a vital cultural ambassador for Britain, its finances are uniquely unpredictable,

involving high risks, and so on. In fact such simplifications are profoundly damaging. Even some of the Government's friends are alarmed that the Bill seems to suggest a failure of imagination. For at the heart of the argument lies a complex and often elusive debate over the future direction of both cultural and film and broadcasting

policy. The problem with the Bill is that it represents an easy way out. Confronted with a British film industry crowing short-sightedly and prematurely about its recent successes, it has taken it at its word and pulled the financial plug.

The Government's glowing words about an industry revival have provided part of the rationale for the Films Bill Furthermore it has been able to point out - with some justification - that the combination of subsidy and levy which has operated since 1950 has done

the British film production industry. The implication is that complete non-intervention is the only solution left. Ideologically, of course, that may have a certain purity, but it will not produce a thriving British cinema. The virtuous circle never lasts long enough and is always replaced by its vicious counterpart. Historically British films have

suffered from two closely related structural problems: the dominance the United States both as a producer and consumer of films, and our inability to establish a stable production industry. Ever since Alexander Korda's 1933 film The-Private Life of Henry VIII unexpectedly struck gold in the US box offices. British producers have attempted to annex America as a potential home market. Numerous production and distribution deals have all failed, however, in the face of the massive imbalance of resources between Hollywood and

Logically, therefore, we should be looking to our home market to work out precisely what kind and scale of industry it is able to support. Unfortunately Britain has suffered a spectacular collapse of cinema admissions since the war. In 1945 total admissions were 1,585 million. This year the figure will be just over 50 million. At that level the British market becomes an almost negligible element in the economics of feature

A huge success like Gandhi, for example, could only gross £2.5m from Britain in 1983 against production costs of £10m. Meanwhile a low-budget "art house" movie like The Draughtsman's Contract - made for £450,000 would have been inconceivable without Channel 4 money, even with its substantial critical success. In both cases only the American market could cover the investment. Both British films were huge

successes in their own terms and

laying before the world. But their finances betray the old imbalance. The current British film revival is narrowly based, highly reversible and, so far, has not fed through to a more stable production industry.

But surely, the Government may reply, developments in cable, satellite and video will create a massive new demand which an unfettered British industry ought to be able to exploit. The American problem applies here also, however, in this case compounded by the institutionalized gulf in Britain between the television and film industries. European television has always been more film-based compared to the studio emphasis of the British tradition, an emphasis jealously protected by the unions.

The effect in Europe has been a financial and creative symbiosis between the two industries which barely existed here until Channel 4's brave experiments. The size of the gap is demonstrated by the phenomenal number of independent production companies which sprang up almost overnight to compete for Channel 4's air time. More software for the new television hardware is unquestionably required, but the industry is not geared up to the task.
In this climate the bracing breeze

of free enterprise is likely to have a withering rather than an invigorating effect. The Government's silence on a possible levy on video cassettes and on the whole question of enforcing some kind of linkage between televison and film is the most significant element of the Films Bill,

The failure to create such a linkage is now being taken to indicate that the Government has not understood the new conditions faced by these media. There is an institutionalized confusion about the nature of the film/oroadcasting beast. Its affairs are regulated by three different departments. Trade and Industry, the Home Office and the Office of Arts and Libraries, any operated since 1950 has done have figured large in the triumphant. The Office of Arts and Libraries, any acknowledge the nothing to halt the steady decline of portfolio the British industry is now attempt to make a connection faces its own history.

a bureaucratic obstacle. The Arts Minister, Lord Gowrie, may have recognized this and may now manocuvre to bring film and television within the orbit of the

Behind the confusion lies the equally confused perception of film as a cultural force. The dominant "official" history of the medium has tended to stress its part in oiling the wheels of democracy via the dissemination of information and knowledge. Clearly much of this role has been usurped by television, leaving cinema polarized between spectacular entertainment and 'art". Meanwhile the British production

emphasis has tended to foster a widespread mistrust of the auteur theory of film making which in other countries has produced cul-tural heroes from the ranks of film directors. Alongside Italy's Visconti and Fellini, Germany's Herzog and Fassbinder or France's Chabrol and Truffaut, Britain can scarcely offer one internationally regarded film artist with the same worldwide credentials. It is difficult to believe this is a failure of quality. Michael Reeves, Michael Powell, Lindsay Anderson and, latterly, Neil Jordan and Peter Greenaway would seem to be creatively competitive, yet they cannot achieve the sort of cultural stardom which endorses them with the blessing of a national identity. It is this failure to establish an

international presence outside the mid-Atlantic world of Chariots of Fire or Gandhi which weakens the industry's case against the Government. Conceivably it is not the industry's fault, and it is simply the victim of a cinematic bias against British films. But the perpetually fraught economic conditions which have enhanced the dominance of the charismatic producer at the expense

of the director have not helped. If the industry is going to speak effectively to the Government in must first unify its voice and acknowledge the peculiar burden of

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#### DEFENCE AND DETERRENCE

for their own forces to deter

Soviet military aggression. Although Nato defined a force

structure which met these goals,

called the Lisbon "force goals"

West Europe's politicians were

unwilling to meet the cost. The

people of West Europe preferred

the Americans to shoulder the

main effort for their defence and

even today, 40 years after the

war, West Europe provides only 60 per cent of the defence effort.

in Nato, with the United States

shouldering the other 40 per cent

in addition to its responsibilities

The two features of this

condition, therefore, were that

power to protect Europe with a

nuclear deterrent depended on

continuing nuclear ascendancy over the Soviet Union. That is

now in question. The conse-

quence of that loss of ascendancy

has grave implications for the

other feature, which was that

Europe, having luxuriated for so

long under the American guaran-

tee, had effectively abandoned

responsibility, at least primary responsibility, for its own de-

fence. Its own armed forces had

become the equivalent of branch

operations, acting out a second-

ary role in the whole force

structure of nuclear deterrence

whose ultimate control lay

predominance has been accom-

panied by a growing anti-Americanism which must spring

from this deep-seated dis-

sociation from the efforts and

responsibilities required for self-

defence in Europe. It is as though

the Europeans have come to

believe that the commitment of

American power to Europe is

entirely to support American

interests, rather than to help

West Europeans defend them-

selves. Many Europeans thus feel

no reassurance in the American

military presence; indeed, they

have come to think they are

being forced to take part in

America's wars. A generation of

peace has led to a secular

conclusion among European

young, and not so young, that

peace is a natural condition

threatened only by those whose

professional business it is to

This is the background to the

widespread European distrust of

President Reagan's hopes for the

development of a comprehen-

sive ballistic missile defence

system. From the waning confi-

dence in the American deterrent,

American commitment to

of America's interest, the pur-

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conditions for a more complete

States would not, or could not,

extend such a shield to West

Europe. The consequence of

such a programme would any-

way be to provoke the Soviet

Union into a great increase in its

bat the space age screen being developed in the United States.

an increase in American conti-

nental defences and in Soviet

offensive power would leave

them with an unfortunate

choice. It would lie between

providing a comprehensive de-

fence for themselves - something

only the French have done for 30

years - or of reaching a solely

European accommodation with

the Soviet Union. Naturally they

would prefer the United States to

reach such an accommodation

on their behalf. A joint agree-

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For Europeans, the prospect of

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When Mrs Thatcher left Washington on Saturday after talking to President Reagan about strategic weapons and the imminent East-West talks on arms control, she said that she and the President saw matters in very much the same light. Their discussions gave rise to four points. The first was that the United States-Western aim was not to achieve superiority but to maintain balance: The second was that deployment (e.g. missile defence) related to the strategic defence initiative (SDI) would have to be a matter of negotiation. The third was to enhance and not to undermine deterrence and the fourth was to achieve greater East-West security with reduced levels of offensive systems on both sides.

On the first two points, Britain and the United States are in fact profoundly divided in their strategic philosophy. The third is also relevant to this difference, not of emphasis but of view, and was contradicted by the Prime Minister herself in a statement that mutual assured destruction (MAD) had kept the peace for nearly 40 years. The fourth was somewhat inconsistent with her own vigorous opposition to SDI whose consequence, should its research prove effective, would be to tilt the balance substantially in favour of defensive systems for the first time in the nuclear age.

The philosophical division is deeper between the United States and Britain than it is with any of the other European allies. The British, of all West Europeans, are the leading examples of the philosophy that strategic defence is not worth the effort except insofar as it can be achieved by the possession of an ultimate retaliatory weapon; nuclear. Britain, in contrast to her European allies, has no proper strategic reserves and no conscription. In contrast to the other military nuclear powers she has no serious civil defence programme to give practical credibility to our capacity to deter which needs evidence that we are prepared to face up to the practical consequences of deterrence failing. For 25 years now Britain's politicians have lulled her citizens into the belief that the only kind of strategic defence. we can or should maintain is the nuclear force. This has enabled everybody except the tax payer in general and the small number of professional military volunteers in particular, to be relieved of the need to think seriously

about defending the country. The rift with the United States is thus very deep. It has run like a salt line through the whole structure of strategic thinking for at least the past 25 years, since the Sandys defence reforms of 1957. Possibly the Washington talks may have restored some superficial harmony between the President and the Prime Minister. However, under the pressure of new technology, revealing hitherto undreamed of advances in defence systems, waning public confidence in deterrence as a basis of policy, the politics of East-West relations which see the necessity for arms control negotiations, will all put such a strain on this defensive structure that the salt line may become

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visible from the surface. it started soon after the war with the extension of the American nuclear guarantees to a Europe which felt threatened by the possibility that the Soviet Union would use the proximity of the Red Army to engineer political coups in a manner similar to those achieved in East Europe. The arrival of American forces helped to reassure Europeans that the Soviet Union knew it would have to confront the military power of the United States should it try to continue its political advance westward.

Once the West Europeans had forced on them by the consebeen generally reassured by an quences of SDI. American presence, they became In much of her argument with less seized of the need to provide

the President, therefore the Prime Minister was speaking for Europe as a whole. However, there was a special edge to her own criticism of the SDI and to her stout, though unsound, espousal of the doctrine of MAD. There were two reasons for this. The anti-missile treaty will expire before the end of the decade unless the Soviet Union and the United States jointly agree to extend it. In view of the Soviet Union's record of violations of that Treaty, and of the potential attractions of the SDI research programme, it is un-likely to be extended. So Mrs Thatcher naturally fears that a joint effort on missile defence systems by the Soviet Union and the United States will prejudice the penetrating power of Trident. which Britain has acquired from the United States. Secondly, her espousal of MAD is not only historically inaccurate (the doctrine has only been around since the late 1960's when the possibility of Soviet parity became accepted in Washington) but militarily unproven and, as can be detected from the trend of public opinion polling of attitudes to the deterrent, politically unconvincing

That has led the Prime Minister to her other misapprehension about the need to preserve a balance of strategic nuclear forces between the super powers. It is not a tenable proposition for a number of reasons. First, a balance of nuclear missiles takes no account of the underlying antagonism between the two systems. It overlooks the very different force structures of the United States and the Soviet Union by trying to concentrate on only a very small part of their overall armaments where there is some semblence of parity, while all other indices of power show a marked disparity between the Soviet Union and the United States, with the United States much in advance. Secondly, the concept of balance is not consistent with justified American caution about any idea of condominium, which is what the Soviet leadership would like to achieve wherever it could. Given the irresponsible nature of Soviet diplomacy and indications that a sense of equality in the world only emboldens the Kremlin to more provocative policies in peripheral areas, it is a distortion of the strategic relationship to

it seems to be an easy jump to nuclear weapons and destructive the conclusion that, since the All this is pursued in the name Europe was only in recognition of arms control. However, while arms control itself has declining utility as a method of controlling the arms race, let alone reining it system would be to achieve back, it has acquired political disengagement, since the United approval, from all those sources of opinion in the West who wish to reach some, indeed any accommodation with the Soviet Union.

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Western governments have endorsed the American negotiating position for Geneva, as did offensive missile power to comthe Prime Minister at her meeting. Since then, however, it has become clear that there is a deep philosophical divide between the leaders of Great Britain and West Europe on the one hand, and the United States on the other. Mr Reagan's advisers have made no secret of their intention to go ahead with their research into SDI to a point where they hope the world will be able to reduce its reliance on the strategy of retaliation, which the Soviet Union itself does not operate, and depend more on defensive systems. The European reluctance to share in this relationship would let Europe off search can only weaken the the rigours of both home grown overall Western position in the alternatives which would be talks which lie ahead.

COUNTRY SPORTS Many arguments for and against hunting can be weighed however modified by custom clash with a mirroring intensity. But the impulses of righteous

Looking to future on miners' strike From Mr A. R. Mills

Sir, It comes as no surprise to many people that we are about to enter 1985, with the miners' strike still hanging over us. And it should come as no surprise to both the coal board and Government; yet almost certainly both board and Government anticipated from the outset a much shorter campaign. It is this poor vision which reflects an apparent basic lack of empathy for individual feelings and motive.

It's true that the striking miners' cry of "What will become of our children?" rings somewhat false; the children will be able to find new lives away from the pit with gratitude rather than a scuse of loss. But it is also true that the point of argument has shifted from pit closures *per se* to the destruction of

vhole communities. Loss-making pits cannot and should not be supported, but neither can we perpetrate another Sutherland Clearance. It now devolves upon the Prime Minister to make some noises of reassurance, to make a genuine attempt to understand that not everyone wants to pull up his roots and that the community is something that should be cherished as the spiritual hub around which

our national ethos revolves. A few words of this simple parure, together with some move toward protecting and redeveloping the endangered regions, might not only send more miners back to work but enlist a little more respect from their families instead of what is obviously a steadily growing bitterness and batred which will do our country no

good in the long term.

Mrs Thatcher should remember Cromwell's wise realization that what he won by force was no victory at ali.

Yours sincerely, A. R. MILLS, 1 Warley Road, Woodford Green, Essex. December 16.

From Professor Emeritus Royden Harrison

Sir, Every decent human being must hope that the new year will bring peace and prosperity back to the

mining districts. Every sensible person knows that such an outcome is unthinkable unless the two contending parties can discover an compatible with the agreement honour of both sides.

It can be done if negotiations are reopened with a proposal for a moratorium on all further pit closures save those made necessary by exhaustion (whether the mora-torium should last for two years or for four would obviously be at the heart of the negotiation).

This would allow Mr MacGregor to maintain that he was not yielding up any point of principle: he was merely allowing for the reality of a 10-month strike which could not but alter the relations of supply and demand. So far as the short term is concerned, it would be assonishing if what was "uneconomic" in March was still "uneconomic" now.

As for Mr Scargill, he will be left with an equally plausible and dignified position. The stand against all pit closures will have prevailed, albeit if only for a limited period. But, after all, the conclusions of collective bargaining are not nor-mally inscribed on tablets of stone.

Given peace, then an enduring settlement might be arrived at with or without the help of third parties. Those who protest at being governed "merely commercial considerations" might spell out the impli-cations of this for managerial practice. Room might be created for further intervention by ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) which might have a more productive result than its valiant carly efforts.

The social and economic damage being done by this struggle can hardly be over-estimated. I believe that public opinion will deal very severely with either party if declines to resume negotiations with a moratorium at the top of the agenda.

Yours sincerely, ROYDEN HARRISON, 4 Wilton Place,

responses to the persistent and

destructive sorrow that is infertility.

It is disturbing that, by their historical emphasis on the family,

such responses have caused the very

social pressures that infertile couples

feel; yet those who voice them are

not prepared to hold out the hand of

Let us remember that there are

many people who are trying to assist

couples with this distressing con-dition without being saddled with

Judaeo-Christian ideology, but who

are no less responsible for that. No

scientist, clinician or patient is - or

snould be made to feel that they are

- perpetrating an evil in pursuing

infertility work because they do not

I hold a sneaking suspicion that

Jesus himself might have been

rather more sympathetic to these

couples than to what seems to be the

current attitude in religions derived

conform to that ideology.

from Christian beliefs.

Sheffield. South Yorkshire, December 21.

#### Embryo research

From Dr Eric Jackson Thomas Sir. As the debate about the Warnock report continues I am increasingly bewildered by the manner in which the morality and ethics of one religious grouping is defined as that which is correct for the entire population of the country.

This was exemplified by Immanuel Jakobovits's article (December 15). He speaks of legally married couples as being part of the Judaeo-Christian heritage and implies that by definition this is the creation can occur. There is a distinct proportion of this country who either have no or an entirely different understanding of Judaeo-Christian heritage and there is certainly no absolute right for this heritage to define modern morality.

His article was full of the reactionary ideas abroad in religious circles about in-vitro fertilization. It is as if infertility were a divine punishment that is delivered as a result of a personal or collective offence and must be borne by the

couple to repay the consequent debt. There is no sympathy in these

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, E. J. THOMAS, Flat 1. Portland Court. II Whitworth Road, Sheffield. South Yorkshire.

#### Royal Irish Rangers

From Lord Cork and Orrery Sir. The Government has had under consideration for some time a proposal to shift the regimental depot of The Royal Irish Rangers from Ballymena, in co Antrim, to Strensall, in North Yorkshire.

The "logic" of this notion is that the regiment forms part of the King's Division, which is based in Yorkshire, so that administrative and possibly financial "tidying up" would result from such a move. You may care to consider, however, under two headings, military and political, what else can be expected

l (military). The Royal Irish, being the amalgamation of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Ulster Rifles and Irish Fusiliers, are the only fully lrish regiment remaining in the Army List and recruiting almost wholly in Ireland. The depot is the "home" of the regiment, the receiver and trainer of all its recruits and situated in the heart of its recruiting area. To remove it entirely out of the country would be to strike a blow at the regiment from which it might never entirely recover.

2 (political). The Ballymena depot is the only permanent Regular military

base in Northern Ireland. To remove it will be seen as the first British Army from the province. Nor is this only in the future. "This will be the first move in surrender to the IRA" has been, is, and will continue to be, said until the Ministry of Defence announces that the project has been abandoned.

An extraordinary complication in the story is that the Royal Ulster Constabulary would apparently like. if the last Irish regiment is detached from its own roots, to occupy the barracks so vacated. This would involve a move from their present headquarters at Enniskillen to a position some sixty miles farther from the border, thus reinforcing the impression of impending with-

But the decision rests with the Secretary of State for Defence, not the RUC or the Northern Ireland Office, and perhaps, Sir, you will wonder why he continues to leave this sword of Damocles threatening the people of Northern Ireland and providing magnificent psychological mmunition for the IRA. Yours faithfully. CORK & ORRERY, House of Lords. December 13.

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#### Voting in Europe

From Mr J. E. Barham

the letter from Mr Christopher Tugendhat and others (December 13) to pass without comment. It is very disappointing to see them using their position in favour of a special privilege for British citizens employed in Community institutions rather than in the wider interest of all British citizens resident outside

This association gave evidence to committees of both Houses of Parliament which were looking at various aspects of extending the franchise to British citizens living outside the UK. It also submitted comments to the Home Office on

the Government White Paper. We have argued throughout that the right to vote and the right to be represented are important aspects of citizenship which should no longer be denied to certain British citizens

that the franchise should be extended, has limited the period of this right to seven years, but recognises that this period is an

believes the time limit to be unnecessary because the decision as whether or not to use this right will remain a personal decision, as it has always been for potential voters resident in the UK. Thus only those with a genuine interest in UK and European affairs will exercise their right to vote in elections for the Westminster and European parlia-

There can be no justification in creating a special category of voters whose right is dependent on the democratic process.

Association of the Rights of Britons

From Sir Donald Maitland and Sir Michael Palliser Sir, As former British Ambassadors to the European Communities, we by Christopher Tugendhat and others in your columns of December 13, that Britons who work for European Community institutions should have the right to vote in parliamentary and European elec-

write to support the proposal made

True, they are not Crown servants, but for obvious reasons successive British governments have been concerned to ensure that there should be an adequate contingent of Britons of high calibre among European Community staffs. How can they be doing their job properly if their links with home are regarded as tenuous?

There are arguments for the wider enfranchisement of expatriates, especially those who live in European Community countries, but the special status of British European Community staff members should, in our view, be recognised in voting rights, as it is already recognised in

DONALD MAITLAND, MICHAEL PALLISER, 12B Wedderburn Road, NW3.

#### Implications of the Gillick case

From the General Secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties Sir, Under the English law it has always been presumed until 1984, that a patient had a right to selfdetermination so long as he or she could understand the inherent implications of a proposed treat-ment. This year the Court of Appeal has stood that conventional wisdom on its head in two legal opinions. Both cases are expected to come before the House of Lords.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Sidaway r Bethlem Royal Hospital Governors (Law Report, February 24) the Master of the Rolls stated that there was no absolute standard of information a patient could expect, as of right, to receive. Doctors could refrain from informing the patient of major risks of a treatment so long as he acted in accordance with a body of responsible medical opinion. Thus, no matter how depleted the information given to the patient, the doctor can avoid liability as long as other doctors adopt the same practice (which, on the whole, in this country, they do).

The issue is of substantial public importance because basic infor-mation is necessary if the patient is to exercise an informed choice among treatment alternatives,

The erosion of the concept of selfdetermination is also evident in the recent Gillick decision (Law Report, December 21). The Court of Appeal asserted a parental right so total over a minor (suggested to be 14 for a boy and 16 for a girl - which itself flies in the face of conventional wisdom) that it covered "the right and duty completely to control the child". subject to the intervention of a

This is to deny the right of a young woman to make any decision about her own health and wellbeing even if she is competent and the treatment proposed is fully recog-nized and often used. The Gillick case virtually places the minors' position back to the days when the law regarded them as "chattel", where parents could control their every act even if detrimental to their

This year the Court of Appeal has

recognised the right of the medical profession to choose what information their patients should receive. and the right of parents to control the treatment their children should receive. What we have yet to discover is the rights that a patient has to determine what shall be done to his or her own body. Yours faithfully,

LARRY GOSTIN, General Secretary, National Council for Civil Let artiss, 21 Tabard Street, SE1, December 21,

From Mrs E. A. Harrison

Sir, Like Mrs Gillick I have young daughters: like her, I am strongly opposed to teenage promiscuity. I think it damaging and wrong, but to suggest that family life or parental control are undermined by doctors ssuing contraceptives is ludicrous.

If my daughters go secretly to their doctor to ask for contraceptives then I will already have failed in my parental responsibility and so will all other parents who are in this position.

Surely most gurents, most of the time, think children precious and desirable. Why then should we depend so on this weapon, the threat of pregnancy, to hold our families

Maybe Mrs Gillick does feel that pregnancy is a punishment for sexual activity, but even when childbirth frequently killed, and the social disgrace of the unwed mother was truly terrifying, young girls were not utterly deterred. Why should

they be so now when the physical and social damages are so reduced? At best this appeal is illogical; at worst mean or unjust, for it is just those ill-used and very young mothers who have ill-used children in turn. It is this cycle of deprivation that responsible doctors have attempted to break, by handing out contraceptive advice to these children whose parents have failed to control them.

Yours faithfully, A. HARRISON, 23 Linden Road. Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear.

#### Lorryloads of trouble

From Mr S. P. C. Plowden

Sir, As a member of the independent inquiry which looked at the effects of banning heavy lorries in London, may I comment on your leading article (December 14) on the GLC's proposal to ban forries of over 16 tonnes at night and weekends?

Your suggestion that this is the last irresponsible fling of a dying GLC, explicable only as part of a publicity campaign against abolition, is wide of the mark. Pressure to ban lorries has been building up for at least 10 years.

The election manifesto of the Labour Party for the 1981 GLC election, prepared under its former leadership, promised an inquiry. That long and careful investigation has been followed by intensive consultations with the individual firms affected. The modest nature of the proposed ban, including the exemption of numerous access routes leading in from the M25, testifies to the care that has been taken to limit the cost to industry.

At a more technical level, you suggest that the opening of the M25 At a more technical level, in two years' time will deprive the ban of much of its point. The truth is that a ban is necessary in order to ensure that the M25 is used as intended and that society obtains the maximum return on its invest-

At night, when the made are clear, there is no certainty that even the through traffic on the worst affected routes will divert to the M25 in theabsence of a ban. Other flows, for

example the West Midlands to south London, which in the community's interest should go round London on the M25 and in along the appropriate radial, would continue to go through, Yours faithfully

S. P. C. PLOWDEN, Policy Studies Institute, 1/2 Castle Lane, SW1. December 17.

#### Motorway crashes

From Sir Kenneth Corley,

Sir. A driver in fog will always be grateful for a red light in front of him. He will cling to it even if it recedes at 70mph rather than be left to do his own pathfinding. If the leader is travelling at a proper speed this is not a bad thing to do. I suggest that in foggy conditions

vehicles on motorways should travel in convoys organized and led by the police. It would be an offence for any vehicle to travel other than in a convoy. The police are familiar with the routes; they have vehicles which are equipped with proper facilities for bad-weather conditions; they have constant communication with sources of information; and they have a driving expertise which is superior to that of most other users of the motorways. ours faithfully.

CENNETH CORLEY Wasdale.

Seascale, Cumbria December 17.

#### **British Council** From the President of The Publishers

Association Sir, Two master mariners, William

Cooper afloat off Italy (December 5) and Anthony Swainson, apparently in "dry-dock" in the Tavern at Lord's (December 8), have seen fit to criticize the selection of books held by the British Council libraries overseas. Each refers to one book: in the first case an unavailable fitle in Rome and in the second an available book in Tripoli, which city the British Council was forced to leave 13 years ago.

As one of many book publishers deeply involved in international marketing. I have visited quite a lot of the British Council's 111 libraries which exist in some 50 countries. And, like the master mariners, I have once or twice been surprised by books I have seen (or not seen) in them. But my overriding impression

tear, the popularity and/or useful-ness of the very great majority of the books stocked. (The libraries themselves do, of course, seek to meet local needs rather than those of British visitors.) My own view of the British Council is that it does an outstandingly successful job of winning friends for Britain, which is broadly, its task. Books and journals play a large part in fulfilling that task and I think it is a pity that the

success of their work is so under-

valued in some quarters. Although

has been of the professionalism of

the local librarianship; the enthusi-

queues to get at the shelves); and, as

demonstrated by evident wear and

asm of the borrowers (often in

other countries' equivalent organiza-tions are much better funded, none wins friends on the scale the British Council does for us. In short, it is truly remarkable that British Council libraries are as good and effective as they are, given the restraints imposed on them. Thus I join forces with your two correspondents in wishing that they could be enabled to be even better.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP ATTENBOROUGH, President, The Publishers Association.

As from: Hodder & Stoughton ? " Dunton Green Near Sevenoaks, Kent.

#### Age of chivalry

December 14.

From Mr E. G. Cameron Sir, Mrs Dax's experience of contemporary manners (December 18) does not match my own.

Standing in a train on the Northern Line this morning I was politely offered a recently vacated seat by a young woman who was standing next to me and who seemed surprised that her kind offer was not accepted. I might add that I play squash regularly and am comfortably under thirty. Yours faithfully. E. G. CAMERON. 58 Bramfield Road, SWIII

December 20.

#### Beaufort's grave was something quite outside previous anti-hunt campaigning. It was even more deeply offensive than the desceration of the grave of John Peel seven years ago because the

family and friends of the late Duke are still alive to be given pain by the attack, as was obviously intended. The necrophiliac obsession of some opponents of hunting is quite another thing to the regular comedy of the harressed Meet, and can only can only cause embarrassment to other campaigners who recognise the need to gain the sympathy of the public rather than to disgust it. The case illustrates a trend in

confined to the animal rights field. At a certain level of righteous indignation, virtually any action comes to seem justifiable if it is motivated by zeal for the cause.

public controversy which is not

This intoxicating abandonment to the sixth Deadly Sin which brings with it a tri-

The desecration of the Duke of umphant sense of release from all moral dilemmas, is most tempting to those who know that there is no practical possibility of securing their end by persuasion. At least they secure the relief of causing pain to their opponents and of assuaging their own sense of helplessness. The same temptation lies in wait elswhere in politics for those who have not learned that it is the art of the possible. It is strange to find it on the fringes of a cause which commands widespread sympathy already. Many people would like to see a ban on hunting of fox and deer, at least. Hunting evokes exceptionally strong passions on both sides. reflecting deep and incompatible feelings about man's relationship with the natural world. All the efforts of the anti-hunt cam-

steady growth in the popularity

associations are included; the

of one privileged class.

in practical terms - arguments about the humane control and conservation of certain species, about employment and the maintenance of traditional features of the landscape. But for many of those who follow the hunt, the act of hunting itself, the sense of participation in a fundamental and natural activity is deeply rewarding. For many others, this is exactly the thing that is most abominable. There is no reconciling these differences of temperament, and they indignation are no basis for good judgement on either side. For wider society, it is important to avoid being infected with either paigners have not prevented a intoxication, and to weigh more coolly the arguments about of foxhunting in recent years. If conservation, cruelty, and the the thriving hunt followers? degree to which a majority may be justified in inhibiting the sport is by no means the pursuit pleasures of a minority.

Sir, This association cannot allow

the UK.

because of their residence abroad. The Government, while accepting nature of their employment, while depriving a much larger number of British citizens employed in Europe and elsewhere in the world of their right to participate in an important Yours faithfully, J. E. BARHAM, Chairman,

13 Rue Simonis, 1050 Brussels, Belgium. December 14.

nationality law. We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

December 14.



### COURT AND SOCIAL

#### COURT CIRCULAR

December 27; Miss Robertina Nicol had the honour of being received by The Queen at Windsor Castle this morning when Her Majesty pre-sented to her a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend a Foundation Day ceremony at the School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, on March 6.

Square, on March 6.

Princess Anne will open Inter Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson

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Training Services at Nuneaton on February 20 and, in the evening as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Coventry branch's gala fortieth anniversary concert at Coventry Technical

#### Forthcoming marriages

The Hon B. L. Lever and Miss A. H. Ballingall The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of the late

between Bernard, son of the late Lord Lever and Ray Lady Lever, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Ballingall, of Seaford, East Sussex, Mr Q. Baer and Miss L. W. Warman The sugagement is announced between Quentin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan Baer, of Tucson,

Arizona, and Lucy, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Mark Warman, of Mr P. R. Bird and Miss V. A. Deaham-Davis

The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. J. Bird, of Chester, and Virginia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Denham-Davis, of Ampney House, Ampney Crucis, of Mr M. G. Ebery and Major P. Wells Circneester, Gloucestershire.

Mr O. J. Drake and Miss C. S. Berg

The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Drake, of Hampstead Garden Suburb. London, and Catherine, daughter of Mr Leslie Berg and the late Mrs Eva Berg, of Si John's Wood, London.

Mr J. Gilbert and Miss R. G. Baird

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. M. McDowell, of Hampstead, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. B. Princess Anne will open the exhibition, Animal Regalia, at the Commonwealth Institute on Feb-

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Signals, will visit the 32nd Signal Regiment (Volunteers), 242 Signal Squadron, and 632 Signal Troop in Scotland from April 25 to

the Children Fund, will accept the Institute of Production Control's International Award 1985, on behalf of the fund, at Grosvenor House on

would like to wish all their friends a prosperous new year.
A service of thanksgiving for the life of John Hill, former Suffolk county

education officer, will be held in the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds, on January 7, at noon.

#### Mr N. R. Mastersoq-Jones and Miss D. A. O'Sollivan

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Squadron-Leader P. D. Jones and of the late Mrs P. J. Jones, of Alsager, Cheshire, and Dara, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A. C. O'Sullivan, of Helen's Bay, co Down.

Dr N. E. Moat and Miss M. J. Quiney

The engagement is announced between Neil, eldest son of Captain and Mrs E. Moat, of Tynemouth, and Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. D. Quiney, of Gerrards Cross.

Mr I. C. Sauderson and Miss A. O. King

The engagement is announced between Iain Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs C. W. Sanderson, of Westcott, Surrey, and Angela, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. King, of Abinger, Surrey.

**Marriages** 

Circnester, Gloucestershire.

Mr S. D. Bryan
and Miss A. J. Bradley
The engagement is announced between Steven, younger son of Mr D. J. Bryan, of Bahrain, and Mrs C. Bryan, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, and Alison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Bradley, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Also N. J. Feeheld

and Mrs J. J. Bradley. Of Oxshott, Surrey.

Mr N. L. Fashek and Miss E. Dunning

The marriage took place on Sunday December 23, 1984, at St Paul's Church, Robert Adams Street Church, Robert Adams Street, London, WI, between Mr Norman L Fashek, son of Mr and Mrs Louls Fashek, Clifton, New Jersey, and Miss Elizabeth Dunning, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Dunning, 22 Albert Hall Mansions, London, SW7.

Mr S. Kimbrough and Miss R. Fielding

and Miss R. G. Baird

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs
H. G. Gilbert, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Rowena, daughter of Mr Sidney Kimbrough, son of Mr and Mrs A. K. Baird, of Hartfield, Sussex.

Mr C. J. McDowell

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Mr C. J. Bowcock Mr C. G. Payne and Miss A. Symons

The marriage took place quietly in Guernsey on December 18 between Mr Gilmour Payne and Miss Alexandra Symo

#### Birthdays today

Sir Henry Bland, 75; Mr W. A. Camps, 74; Mr H. D. B. Carr, 58; Camps, 14; Mr H. D. B. Carr, 38; Sir Andrew Maitland-Malegill-Crichton. 74; Sir Bayard Dill, 79; Mr T. W. Gould, VC, 70; Mr Roy Hattersley. MP, 52; Lieutenant-General Sir George Lea, 72; Lord Justice O'Connor, 70; Mr Simon Raven, 57; Professor E. J. Richards, 70; Lord Salmon, 81; Miss Maggie Smith, 50; the Right Rev W. J. Westwood, 59 Westwood, 59.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

Mr Thomas Adwisma Crowther, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the Wales and Chester Circuit.

Mr Michael Johnson to be the chairman of the new family practitioners committee for Hert fordshire.
Mr David Beeton, Chief Executive of Bath City Council. to be Secretary of the National Trust. He succeeds

Mr Ivor Blomfield. Mr Ivor Blomheid.
The Rev L. G. Hurdidge to be President and Headmaster of Ratcliffe College, Leicester, in succession to the Rev W. F. Fearon. Mr Robert Edwards, Senior Group Editor of the Mirror Group, to be deputy chairman of the company.

Mr Penr Thompson, Deputy Editor of the Daily Mirror, to be Editor of the Sunday Mirror, in succession to Mr Edwards,

Latest wills

Sir Geoffrey Warren Farlange, of Midhurst, West Sussex, former ambassador to Jordan and Ethiopia, ambassador io Jordan and Ethiopia, left estate valued at £220.393 net. The Hon Mrs Jean Felicity Wills, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1.043.586 net. valued at £1,043,385 net.
Dr John Randal Baker, FRS, of
Oxford, reader in cytology, Oxford
University 1955-67, left estate
valued at £259,003 per. He left his

scientific papers and certain books to Oxford University, and certain paintings by his great-uncle Sir Samuel White Baker to the Royal Geographical Society.
Other estates include (uet, before tax paid't Curry, Mr Henry Frederick,

Waters, Mr Harold Edgar, of Forest Row, East Sussex, builder \_£445,064

Church news

amoutered team Musely, discrete the full multivaria. The Van G F Temple, Archdescen a Godwin, diocese of Truro, to be also locesed Director of Ordinands, amount from January 1, 1985. He edges as Vicar of Salkash, same diocese, so musry 31, 1985.

The Rev J R Tupin, Vicar of Thornhill outhampton, diocese of Winchester, is be duthampton, diocese of Winchester, is be

dones of Shellfeld, Curate of St Paul, The Rev. J. Winnard, Curate of St Paul, Goose Green, wigan, diocese of Liverpool, Id be Vicar of St Barnabas, Marsh Green, Winnar earns direct

#### Science report

## Birds of prey defeat pesticide threat

Sparrowbawks, birds of prey once threatened by the widespread use of certain pesti-cides, are reappearing in parts of England from which they have been absent for many years.

\*Breeding success of spar-rowhawks is still reduced over the whole country", Dr Ian Newton, head of the experimental station of the Institute of Terrestial Ecology at Monks Wood, near Hunting-don, said, "but they are certainly coming back.

"I would think that the major pressure on kestrels is from small boys who take them as pets."

The kestrel, which is often

mistaken for a sparrowhawk. has a national population estimated at almost 150,000 birds in the wild and it outnumbers all other British birds of prey put together. Kestreis outnumber spar-rowbawks, which have re-

appeared for the first time for 25 years in Monks Wood, by about three to one. Dr Newton, explained the importance of diet in the survival of the birds. Sparrow-banks are still suffering from

the effects of pesticides used

up to 35 years ago. Some of the residues left by such

substances can persist in the

soil for more than 50 years.

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The sparrowhawk: Importance of diet.

One of the effects of such residues in birds of prey is to make them produce eggs with thin shells. That reduces the embryos' chances of survival. The intake of the residues is higher in flesh-eating birds than in more common hedgerow species that feed on seeds

The residues can be absorbed by insects, worms,

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small animals and birds. But the digestive systems of mammals break down the damaging chemicals more easily than those of birds. Small birds can absorb the substances directly from the soil and by eating worms and insects that have also absorbed it.

Kestrels live mainly on small mammals caught on the ground. Sparrowhawks feed on small birds caught on the wing. The sparrowhawk therefore takes in a stronger dose of the damaging residue.

Use of the chemicals that weaken sparrowhawks and make them lay eggs with thin shells has been drastically reduced as their damaging effects on many types of wildlife have been appreciated. Sparrowhawks seem to be spreading across England from the west to eastern counties from which they have been absent for many years.

Monitoring by staff from Monks Wood in part of Rockingham Forest, Northamptonshire, shows that there were three sparrowbawk nests in 1979, 22 in 1981 and 48 in 1984. Sparrowhawks have begun to recolonize areas from which they were eliminated in the years of organochlorine pesticide use in the 1950s and 1960s", Dr Newton said.

depictions of animals and numbers are "a very early stage The 1984 season at Tell Brak in the development of a yielded two other discoveries of recording system", according to Professor David Oates, of London University, who is directing the project jointly with Dr Joan Oates, of Cambridge major importance, although of a later date. In the Agade period in about 2,400 BC part of a substantial building was found, with its southern façade decorated with deep rectangular niches, and doorways leading into a courtyard.

Juvenile joy: Helen Posen, aged four, and Mark Mays, aged seven, both of Golders

Green, London, joining the fun at the Greater London Council's festival of children's

eutertainment, Ten Day Wonder, which opened yesterday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank (Photograph: Christopher Harris).

Archaeology

Tablets clue to early writing

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Early evidence for the develop- found in construction fill, the the surface, approached from

presence of a Bulla, a clay

envelope, with a Late Uruk

sealing in the same layer places the tablets in the period between 3,500 and 3,000 BC.

Some of the most spectacular

discoveries, according to Pro-

fessor Oates, have come from

the highest part of the mound at

Brak, which towers 50m (163ft)

mound has striking red-brick

wall face showed that it was

with religious buildings, and we

have therefore tentatively ident-

"We have as yet seen nothing

of its interior, because at a later

date the columns were masked

by mud brick and the wall used

as the foundation for a com-

to the mid-second millennium

This later building provided the biggest surprise of the

season: while only one corridor

and a small room have so far

University.
The tablets, both of unbaked clay and about 4cm in length, Parts of the walls were high are roughly ovoid in shape. Each has on one face an enough for a door lintel to have impressed pit, probably denotsurvived in place. Among the ing the number 10, and an finds were a collection of jar incised pictograph of an animal, and door sealing on clay, all in one case a goat and in the other a sheep. Each tablet thus from the same very worn seal, and the completely preserved bitumen impression of a wicker records 10 animals. basket:

"This is a stage of the development of writing not found before", Professor Oates "We have here a pictograph of the whole animal, not an abstraction using only the head to represent the whole above the plain. That part of the beast". The animals are, nevertheless, stick-like sketches and remains eroding out, and exposure of a 50-metre length of not lifelike portrayals. "The new tablets represent a a

ment of writing has been discovered by a British archaeo-

logical expedition working in Syria. Two clay tablets with

very early stage in the pre- ornamented with a series of cuineiform development of a niches, in each of which was set recording system, comparable three engaged half columns. with and conceivably even "Col earlier than the pictographic our experience only associated tablets from the site of Warka in Mesopotamian architecture Sumer", Professor Oates said, Sumer, in what is now

southern Iraq, was long thought iffed this as a temple, perhaps a to be the birthplace of writing, temple backed by a high terrace around 3,000 BC or slighly in the North Mesopotamian earlier. The present discoveries, fashion" Professor Oates said. from much further north, suggest that a wider area of the Middle East must be considered as the homeland of literacy.

The tablets found last summer come from Tell Brak, a pletely different building dated huge mound on the Khabur River in north-eastern Syria, BC." near the town of Hassebohe. The site was first investigated by the late Sir Max Mallowan in the 1930s, when the famous Eye Temple was found there. emple was found there.

Although the tablets were large room has been traced on empire of the Mitanni.

University news

Uxford

Elections

OUEEN'S COLLEGE:
To an official fellowship and pralectorship
in physicioscal sciences dross August 1.

Kobie College:
Kobi Glassow Dr Maxwell Murray has been

appointed to the chair of veterinary medicine from July 1, 1985. He succeeds Professor William Mac-intyre, who retired last September.

intive, who retired last September.

Licenster
Mr Paul James Gregg MD (Edinburgh), has been appointed to the foundation chair of orthopaedic surgery from February 1, 1985.

Liverpool Professor J. F. (Fred) Norbury has been appointed Acting Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, in succession to the late Emeritus Professor Robert Wheian.

Professor Norbury, aged 59, a graduate of Liverpool, has held the Harrison chair of mechanical engineering since 1967.

Queen's Belfast Appointments
To the chair of agricultural and food
chemistry: Cecil Hugh McMinray,
BSC, BAgr (Belf), PhD (Brist),

Cchem.

Chair of management and directorship of the school of management of science: James 'McArdle Livingstone, MA (Glas), MSc (Econ), PhD (Lond).

Chair of mental health: Robert John McClelland, MD (Belf), PhD.
Chair of English language and literature: Malcolm Ross Andrew, MA (S.Fraser), DPhil (York).

Lachurethine Homanian M G Scott, BSc. PhD (Bellt compoter science, J W G Eder, BSc (Manch, MSc. PhD (Bellt); common law; S W S Livingstone, BA (Campata); The title of Professor entertius has been conterped on the following former members 



Professor Fred Norbury of Liverpool University.

#### **OBITUARY**

## PROFESSOR HENRYK SAWISTOWSKI

#### Research in chemical engineering

Professor Henryk Sawistow of the City and Guilds College ski, who died at his home in in 1982. London on December 19 at the Sawistowski had a worldage of 59, had a distinguished career as a chemical engineer. He was born in Grudziadz in Poland in 1925, and came to this country in 1946 after understanding of mass transfer service with the Second Polish in distillation and extraction. Corps of the British Eighth and of interfacial effects at free war, he had no formal education from the age of 14 until he entered the Polish University

College in London in 1948; he

chemical engineering.

Then began his life-long association with the Department of Chemical Engineering 1980. and Chemical Technology at Imperial College, to which he as a European, and he did much came in the same year to doresearch on mass transfer in countries in Europe through distillation under the super- service in various European

Professor of Chemical Engineer—Technology in Delhi, ing was conferred on him in He leaves a widow 1976, and he was elected Dean daughters.

wide reputation for his contributious to research and education. His name will always be coupled with advances in our

The Institution of Chemical Engineers this year awarded him its Arnold Greene Medal for outstanding service to the graduated from there in 1952 profession over a long period, with first class honours in particularly in the field of education and international relations. He was elected to the Fellowship of Engineering in

He always described himself to strengthen our ties with other vision of Professor D. M. organisations and his many Newitt and Professor J. M. informal visits. He was a great traveller, and his interests the joined the staff two years aler as a Demonstrator, was beyond Europe; special mention made a lecturer on the award of should be made of his relations his PhD, in 1955, rising to with India, and in particular the Senior Lecturer in 1961 and link between Imperial College Reader in 1965. The title of and the Indian Institute of

He leaves a widow and two

As a cricketer he was

inevitably overshadowed by the

brilliance of his brother but he

was a more than competent wicket keeper agile for a man of

his height, and a useful lower

order batsman capable of scoring quick runs. He suc-ceeded Fred Price as the regular

Middlesex wicket keeper and

was in the side which won the

County Champiouship in 1947, largely thanks to the batting

feats of Denis Compton and Bill

Edrich. It was during that season that he scored his only

first class century, 107 against

In 1960 he left the WEA to

become production manager at Chatto & Windus, a publisher with whose classic traditions he

remained there until his retire-

ment in 1978, during which

period he published jointly with W. Turner Berry the Annals of

lopedia (1966) and edited for

the Folio Society the British

Museum Manuscript of Charles

Burney's journal: Music, Men

and Manners in France and Italy, 1770 (1969).

Work on both of these books helped to strengthen Edmund

Poole's realization of the de-

Derbyshire.

#### MR LESLIE COMPTON

Leslie Compton, the former, Head" – was eventually recog-Arsenal and England footballer nized by two international caps and Middlesex cricketen, died in 1950. At 38 he was the oldest on Boxing Day at the age of 72. player to make an England He was the elder brother of Denis Compton and played with him in Arsenal and Middlesex sides.

Born on September 12, 1912. he joined the Arsenal staff in the 1930s and developed into a polished full back, good enough to win an England trial as a virtual reserve since his first team opportunities were limited by the England pair of Male and lapgood.

After the Second World War he was a key member of the Arsenal team which won the League championship in 1947-48 and the FA Cup in 1950. The strength of the side was its fine defence and Leslie Compton, by
now playing at centre half, was
the pivot. His positional sense
and took a public house in
and ability in the air - he was north London. He was married known affectionately, as "Big with two children.

excavated was a second tablet, complete and "inscribed in excellent Middle Babylonian with a legal document describing an agreement, in the case of two men, handed over to a The case was settled before at the age of 72.

Artashshumara, bearing the rare title lugal, "great king", the son of Shuttarna the great king, and is witnessed at the end with the royal seal. The name on the seal is not yet read; but could be that of Saustatar, the predecessor of

the corridor by an arched

doorway. Its dimensions of 21

metres by 5 metres suggest that it was an important reception

chamber, perhaps a throne

are identified by what Professor

Oates calls "our most important historical discovery of any season at Tell Brak since 1976".

when the present project began.

In the corridor was found a

fragmentary cuneiform tablet with a list of workmen under

supervisors. Their names are non-Akkadian, probably Hur-

woman and her sons

In the small room that was

The owners of the building

princess to the Pharaoh Ameno-phis III of Egypt, Professor Oates feels that the building at Brak was a Mitanni royal palace, perhaps the subordinate capital of Taidu

The discoveries at Brak, which were carried out under the auspices of the British Museum, the National Geographic Society and the British School of Archaeology in Iraq, and which were in their sexth season, have thus illuminated more than 1,500 years of north Mesopotamian history, from the beginnings of written re-cords, through the expansionist conquests of the Agade monarchs, to the still-mysterious

**MR EDMUND POOLE** Mr Edmund Poole, book too he became a member of the Double Crown Club and helped designer and historian of music printing, died on December 22 to found the Printing Historical Society, on whose committee he served for many years.

Herbert Edmund Poole was born on June 8, 1912 at Southgate, Middlesex, but was brought up in Yorkshire going to West Leeds High School. He left school after matricuwas much in sympathy. He

Artashshumara.

Both kings ruled the Mitanni, a journalist until in 1935 he gained a Worker's Education Both kings ruled the Milanda a little-known kingdom who were powerful enough in the Association Scholarship to Trinity Hall, Cambridge. It was here, as an undergraduate, that he published his first book an edition of curious lore from the Dyetary of Helth by the 16th Century Carthusian Andrew Boorde (1936).

After graduating from Cambridge Poole worked as area organizer for the WEA in Norfolk, leaving at the outbreak of war to become an Education Officer in the RAF.

At the end of the war, he returned to the WEA as Chief Education officer and it was in the course of this work that he developed his latent interest in typography and book pro-duction. He designed many of the association's publications and established a pioneering

ficiencles in our knowledge of the way in which music came to be printed and published. His projected book on the subject, however remains unfinished as much as anything because of his conscientious demands for accuracy in a field where so much detail has for so long been passed over-without examination. Poole married in 1946, the

Hon. Rosemary Croft, daughter extra-mural course in the of the first Lord Croft, and she University of London on "The survives him with their three Art of the Book". In this period sons.

#### SIGNOR ALFONSO LEONETTI

Signor Alfonso Leonetti, a international Trotskyite movefounder member of the Italian ment and moved to France, Communist Party who was where he remained during the expelled from it for 31 years war and became active in the after internal disagreements, died on December 26 at the age of 89. Leonetti attended the found-

ing conference of the party, led by Antonio Gramsci and Palmiro Togliatti, at Livorno in 1921 and rose to one of its leaders before being arrested by the Fascist government. He fled to France in 1923. After his return in 1930,

Leonetti was expelled from the party after disagreeing with Togliatti over the methods it should adopt to counter Italian fascism. He allied himself with the at the age of 79.

resistance movement to the Nazi occupation. Returning to Italy in 1961, he was finally readmitted to the party after publicly renouncing his stand of 1930.

Mr C. P. L. Seneviratne, Sri Lankan Labour Minister, died in hospital on December 26, Reuter reports from Colombo.

Sir Arthur Weatherhead, CMG, Deputy-Governor, Northern Region, Nigeria, 1958-60, died on December 23 CMG.

Law Report December 28 1984

## Mandatory procedure for deemed planning consent

Regina v Lambeth London construction of an athletics track in 4(2)(c) did not require two or more Borough Council, Ex parte Brockwell Park, which lay within a notices to be displayed on or near the land; the plural referred also to Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson

[Judgment delivered December 17] The requirements of regulation 4(2) of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations (SI 1976 No 1419), which prescribed the procedure to be followed by a local authority when applying for deemed planning permission to carry out development itself, were mandatory, and it was a condition precedent to the exercise of the precedent to the exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 4(5) that those requirements should have been strictly complied with.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in

a reserved judgment, granting Mr
Duncan Sharp judicial review by
way of certioran to quash a deemed
grant by Lambeth London Borough
Council to itself of planning
permission in respect of the

Regulation 4(2) of the 1976 the newspaper notice and did not

Regulations provides: "The auth-ority shall, after the passing of the resolution [to seek permission for the carrying out of the development]
... (c) where the development ... (c) where the development consists of ... development [which would affect the character or appearance of a conservation area], publish in a local newspaper circulating in the locality in which the land is sinusted, and display (for not less than seven days) on or near the land notices describing the development; and in each case such notice should state that any objection to the proposal should be made to the authority in writing within such period (not being less than 21 days) as may be specified in the tlotice."

Mr Derrick Turriff for the

applicant; Mr Alan Ward, QC, for the council LORD JUSTICE CROOM-

require more than one on or near the land.

The notice which the council had published in a newspaper had referred to "representations" rather than "objections" and had not specified the period within which objections were to be made; and neither notice had indicated that objections should be in writing. The appellant had contended that those irregularities invalidated the deemed grant of planning per-

mission.
In Cullimore v Lyme Regis
Corporation ([1962] 1 QB 718) the
court distinguished between statutes
conferring powers and those
imposing duties; where powers were
conferred strict compliance with
conditions would be required.
In R v Pontypool Gaming
Licensing Committee, Ex parte
Risca Cinemas Ltd. ([1970] 1 WLR
-1299) the Divisional Court had held

the gaming licensing procedure was a condition precedent to the power to perform the next step.

Ltd v Aberdeen District Council

([1980] 1 WLR 182) the House of Lords held that a requirement to give information regarding rights of appeal was mandatory, but that it was necessary to look at the words was necessary to look at the words and context of each such provision and at the purpose which it was intended to achieve in order to determine whether or not it was mandatory, a view endorsed in Grunwick Processing Laboratories Ltd v ACAS ([1978] AC 655, 698). In Coney v Chopce ([1975] 1 WLR 422) regulations relating to the posting of notices regarding school reorganization were held, in the light of their general object, to be directory, and it was held that, in any event, substantial compliance

any event, substantial compliance with the regulations was sufficient.

· In Steeples v Derbyshire District Council ([1981] JPL 582), notice of

a resolution to seek planning permission had not been placed in the register of planning applicatior as required by regulations 4(3) of the 1976 Regulations.

The power conferred by regulation 6, which empowered duly authorized officers of an authority

Mr Justice Webster had held that regulation 4(5) empowered the council to grant itself planning permission only after 21 days had elapsed since the placing of the notice on the register. As the notice had never been placed, the power to grant permission had never arisen, and the purported grant was other. therefore ultra vires and void.

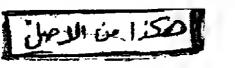
If Parliament had placed a condition upon the exercise of a power, that condition must be fulfilled before the power could be

His Lordship found that reasonfirs Lordship found that reasoning compelling. The requirements of
regulation 4(2) (c) had not been
complied with, and it was a
condition precedent to the exercise
of the regulation 4(5) power that
they should have been. His
Lordship could see no difference in
principle between information as to

The power conferred by regulation 6, which empowered duly auth-orized officers of an authority to give written notice of intention to seek and of the granting of planning permission instead of the authority itself so resolving, were to be construed distributively – both steps did not have to be taken by the same entity; the authority could take one and a duly authorized officer the

The notice issued by the council's officer that he was to seek planning permission was itself invalid. The issuing of the notice had been an exercise of the council's powers, and the officer ought therefore to have that special attention to the paid special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area as required by section 277(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

Solicitors: Stones Leigh & Co; Mr R. J. M. Mellor, Lambeth.



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Beazer bid

uncertainty

C. H. Beazer (Holdings), the housebuilding and construction group, was deciding last night whether it could afford to match

a £61.5 million agreed bid for Bath and Portland Group from

Consolidated Goldfields, the

Mr Brian Beazer, chairman,

said the company was consider-ing the position of both its existing £48 million bid for

Bath and Portland and its 22.1

per cent sbareholding in the

aggregates, construction and

scientific instruments group.

He said that Beazer would

make a further announcement

on its Intentions when Consoli-dated Gold Fields, which, through its Amey Roadstone

offshoot, is already the biggest

quarring group in Britain, posts its formal offer document.

This is expected by the second week of January.

profit of about £5.3 million by selling its stake in Bath and Portland. On the stock market

yesterday, Bath and Portland shares rose 17p to 300p. The

shares and cash terms from

Beazer could realize a gross

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#### FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

**Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet** 

## Merrill's Tokyo rebuff is a blow to London

The failure this week by Merrill Lynch, the biggest stockbroking group in the United States, to gain entry to the Tokyo stock market carries all the indications that 1985 is about to get off to a wary and suspicious start for those involved in the delicate business of trying to bring the Tokyo, New York and London stock markets closer.

The electronic technology has been for some time at a sufficiently sophisticated pitch to realize the dream of a 24-hour-aday global stock market.

Some leading participants, notably Sir Nicholas Goodison, are sceptical that any more than the very few will want to take advantage of the ability to buy or sell' shares deep into the middle of the night halfway across the world.

But the transformation of this formidable proposition from wish to fact is seen by many as a symbol that regulations have been either abolished or harmonized to an extent that would allow markets to operate as freely and therefore efficiently as

Merrill, having long conquered its own and several other territories, has been in the van of this international movement. Its representatives have sat patiently in their Tokyo office for several years, waving a bottomiess cheque book and promising to abide by whatever requirements the local authorities may care to

The Tokyo Stock Exchange has a fixed number of seats, so it is possible to obtain corporate membership only by buying the seat of a firm that has closed or merged with another member. That situation arose a few months ago, but it now transpires that the subsequent auction was won by Utsumiya Securities, a Japanese

The fact that Utsumiya's was not the highest offer that humiliation fell to another Japanese firm. It is not inconceivable that Merrill was informed that other factors would prove decisive, and that it would be as well to bid low.

The result bears out what officials of the Tokyo Stock Exchange have said consistently in the past, that any desire by foreigners to gain membership is at least equalled by the desires of those native securities houses which are outside the charmed circle. But the decision will come as a grave disappointment to many others, including Kleinwort Benson S. G. Warburg, who hoped to follow Merill.

It will also came as a setback to the Whitehall delegation which went to Tokyothis year and put what was by all accounts a robust case for better treatment of those British firms who wish to take part in the Japanee financial markets.

The British view is that this question is closely bound up with the issue of the Japanese presence in London. It has been argued by City of London authorities that Japanese firms already enjoy here considerable freedoms which are not available to British securities companies. In that context, any reversal acquires significance far beyond its immediate impact.

Those Tokyo securities houses waiting for permission to enter London financial markets to a fuller degree than at present will be aware that the Merrill case will only make their wait the longer and their task of making their case that much

#### Calculating Budget tactics

As Treasury ministers get down to Budgetmongering in ernest, they have an early tactical decision to take on presentation. Should they respond to the report of the Treasury and Civil Service Committee of MPs on the way budgetary information is (or is not) presented to Parliament, or keep mum and hope its requests will fade

away?
The Treasury committee reported just before Christmas on the format of financial information provided by government, drawing heavily on a survey carried out by Messrs Andrew Likierman and Peter Vass, under the aegis of the London Business School. This revealed considerable dissatisfaction, not least among MPs, with the traditional methods of presenting informatiion - in the Budget Red Book, the Supply Estimates, and even the relative newcomer to the system, the Autumn Statement (It also revealed considerable parliamentary ignorance of the kind of information available, which cannot be entirely blamed on the obscurantism of government documents.

but still strengthens the case for reform).
The Treasury committee therefore

supported the Likierman-Vass proposal for a new Budget document, providing better information on both the tax and expenditure sides of the Chancestor's decisions. The MPs do not however, agree that all the public expenditure information should be absorbed into this newstyle Budget, fearing that this might merely provide an excuse for delay (since the existing public expenditure. White

Paper usually comes out some weeks

before the Budget.
However, both the Treasury committee and Messrs Likierman and Vass would like to see some of the information contained in that annual White Paper pulled forward into incorporation in the Autumn Statement. The committee has kindly word for the development of this British approximation to a draft Budget But its wants to see it taken further, so that the expenditure figures are presented for a full three years ahead (at present the Autumn Statement gives only a snapshot of the first year).

The Treasury has two stock responses to such criticism. First, that the demand for more information might lead to the Autumn Statement being published later in the year. The Treasury committee is not bothered by this, and rightly, it was to serve the Government's purposes (clearing the financial decks for the British Telecom flotation), not to serve Parliament, that the Autumn Statement was rushed into print this year.

The second excuse was used by the Chancellor in oral evidence to the committee. If, said Mr Nigel Lawson pettishly, the committee continually greeted any development in the Autumn Statement with demands for more, it would hardly encourage him to accede to any of its requests. That, snapped on of its members, sounded suspiciously as if the Chancellor was treating members of the committee like children. He would do better to take its report seriously. Britain's antiquated budgetary system is in need of long-term reform; it is no wonder MPs are dissatisfied with minor improvements.

#### Testing time for Giordano

The appointment of a non-executive director is usually greeted with indifference. But there surely has to be some considerable significance in the appointment of Mr Richard Giordano of BOC best known as the highest-paid executive in Britain as a non-executive director of Grand Metropolitan.

Last year Ma Giordano's pay went up by £250,000 to £771,000. Now he will collect £15,000 a year from Grand Metropolitan, which clearly regard his enlistment as a coup. Mr Stanley Grinnstead's view is simple: if he earns so much already he must be good. "The fact he is regarded so highly by them reinforces our feeling he's the ideal candidate," explains the Grand Met chairman.

BOC seems happy with the arrangement, and idoes not feel its chief executive - who is also due to take over as chairman - was already too fully committed to the group to find time for outside jobs. "We think someone gets as much out of serving as a non-executive director as they put in, a spokesman said." Perhaps, Americanborn Mr Giordano will be expected to attend six board meetings a year. He is replacing Mr Alex Dibbs, deputy chairman of British Airways, who is retiring at the end of March.

Whatever BOC may expect to get out of the arrangement, Mr Grinstead clearly knows what he expects from Mr Giordano. "He's an international man who understands both sides of the Atlantic and has a good track record. We have established a pattern where we have a small main board and three non-executive directors who cannot be expected to run the company but whose main role is to monitor the performance of the company and the competence of the board and the chairman and chief executive." In addition to Mr Giordano, that job will be handled by the other non-executives, Mr John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI, and Mr Frank Pizzitola, partner in the New York banking firm Lazard Freres.

Non-executive directors should bite as well as bark. Mr Giordano could soon be testing his bite. His appointment comes days after disappointing full-year figures from Grand Met.

Mr Giordano's successful yet subtle skills in this area could make him Grand Met's cheapest acquisition. Or is he being groomed for a bigger role in the organization? Could it afford him?

## Iran offers full support as Opec nears agreement

diplomacy among the Middle \$29, has also been prepared and the proposed draft resolution Eastern states by Sheikh Ahmed now seems to have been concerning the establishment of accepted by most members. Zaki Yamani, the Suadi oil minister, the Ofganization of Petroleum Exporting Countries of the proposals, Iran, which is (Opec) was close last night to a big light oil producer and has accepting a new disciplinary code which paves the way for a new agreement on prices.
Only two of the 13 Opec

members, Ecuador and Nigeria have not yet indicated their complete support for the introduction of a new monitoring

and price system.

Doctor Subroto, the Opec president said last night that countries: had endorsed "the proposals now before the ministerial meeting but Ecuador had still to receive final intrictions from its president and the Nigerian delegation has yet to arrive in Geneva from

- Sheikh Yamani, who chaired the Opec committee which drew up the proposals, has been persuading other ministers. 10 win approval for the plans from their respective heads of state.

Under the plan, Opec meinbers will allow observers from other member-nations to monitor their output from the wellheads to the delivery terminals to ensure that quotas set lat October are observed. The new system, which will raise heavy crude prices by 50 cents a barrel and cut the price of light crude by 15 cents while leaving the

**Baring buys** 

stake

in gilts

jobber

By William Kay

City Editor

will rise to 100 per cent when

Sir John Baring, chairman of

Mr Miles Rivett-Carnae, a

managing director of Baring,

said: "The authorities were keen

a role in the new gilts market.

a deal that suits everyone."

Baring, is also a director of the Bank of England and it is clear

encouraged the link.

Stock Exchange rules permit.

After a week of shuttle officail Opec marker price at would give its full support to a system for controlling pro-

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duction and prices.

The Iranian minister added One of the main opponents a big light oil producer and has that such common views been concerned with its sover-eignty being affected by the between his own country and Indonesia "will certainly tribute towards strengthening proposed monitoring system, Opec solidarity".

Dr Subroto said last night that the proposed disciplinary last night issued a statement indicating its acceptance.

The proposals had been outlined by Dr Subroto, the system would initially contain Indonesian oil minister. no sanctions against those who In a statement issued "in the break it. It had earlier been suggested that sanctions, includname of Allah" by the Iranian

Petroleum Minister, Mr Mohammed Gharazi, the Iraing even temporary suspension from Opec, were being connian delegation said that it sidered,

#### Coal stocks meet demand

Official figures for coal stocks in Britain, published yesterday, show that customers are obtaining sufficient sup-

According to the Department of Energy, coal stocks at the end of October stood at 38,508,000 tonnes, a fall of 447,000 toppies on the end of September, or 1.1 per cent.

However, this fall was accounted for by a reduction in undistributed stocks, those at the pithead, from 22,100,000 tonnes to 21,635,000 tonnes. Distributed stocks, mainly those at power stations, rose from 16,855,000 to 16,873,000

August and October was 1.9 per cent down on the corresponding period of 1983, ocrease in industrial iespite an ii output. This indicates that companies are becoming more

Britain produced 29.9 million tonnes of crude oil between August and October, up 4.9 per cent on the corresponding period of last year. For the January-October period, crude oil output was 100 million tonnes, a rise of 10.5 per cent compared with the first 10 months of 1983.

The dollar reached 250 yeas,

of Y248.05, for the first time

The pound's fall - at one

stage it touched \$1,1605 in

London - was mainly a

reflection of dollar strength.

However, the pound lost some

ground against most other

currencies, the sterling index

Dealers said that an incon-

clusive outcome from the Opec

meeting in Geneva would leave

sterling vulnerable to further

say that the next big resistance

point for sterling against the dollar is \$1.12.

In the money markets, the

pound's fall provided the main

focus, the three-month inter-

bank rate closing at 10-93/33,

compared with bank base rate

levels of 91/2-91/4 per cent

Although interbank levels are

not yet high enough necessarily

interbank rates have edged up

steadily during the pound's

recent weakness.

to trigger a base rate rise.

Technical analysts in the City

omnaced with an openi

since mid-October.

falling 0.3 to 73.3.

pressure.

energy-efficient, the Depart-

ment of Energy says.

Dr Subroto said that the prospect of public embarrass-ment within Opec would be enough to deter breaches of the

disciplinary code. He said: "If that does not work we will have to consider whether other measures should be taken

Sheikh Yamani said last night after returning to Geneva that he was confident that agreement would be "pushed

through". North Sea oil output averaged 2,68 million barrels a day last month, according to estimates by the Royal Bank of Scotland. The figures, if con-firmed by official data, will represent the highest monthly

North Sea out put so far. Earlier estimates by the stockbroking firm Wood Mackenzle had suggested that November's output slipped slightly from October's 2.65

million barrels a day.
The Royal Bank of Scotland index of North Sea output rose 0.1 per cent last month to 162.7 (1980=100), just over 6 per cent up on November 1983, North Sea oil output is worth more than £60 million a day.

The news of record duction comes as Britain has been under attack by Opec According to the bank there are risks associated with Britain's current policy of allowing output to increase and refusing to defend official prices.

Sharp rise

in society

receipts

By Richard Thomson

Building societies yesterday

reported sharply increased net inflows for December after the

Societies were predicting a December intake for the whole industry of up to £1 billion, compared with £880 million in

December 1983, which could

bode well for a cut in mortgage

rates in the new year.

A spokesman for the Halifax,

not been good, the level of deposits had picked up strongly just before Christmas.

The societies lost deposits worth about £500 million in

November, giving a total of £363 million for the month, as investors withdrew money to

in December would restore

most of the money lost last

Both the Abbey National and

the Nationwide reported "spec-

tacularly good" inflows just before Christmas.

Although there was strong

consumer spending before Christmas the societies said this

had been more than balanced

by money coming back for

Telecom investors who had not

received as many shares as they

A spokesman for the Nation-

wide said. "We could be thinking of a prospects for

bringing rates down in the new year if this sort of performance

Lending rates are most likely to fall if mortgage demand slows down, but at present it is

The Building Societies As-

sociation confirmed that for the

first time building societies had made more than 1 million loans

in 1984 amounting to a total

had applied for.

still strong, he said.

continues".

buy British Telecom shares.

month, the Halifax said.

unusually poor result

November.

#### Consolidated Gold Fields are worth 303p per share. Tempus, page 15 MGN posts

Mr Robert Maxwell, the Mirror Group Newspapers publisher, vesterday announced the appointment of Mr Robert Edwards, senior group editor, as deputy chairman of the company. Mr Peter Thompson, at present deputy editor of the Daily Mirror, is appointed editor of the Sunday Mirror, the post Mr Edwards relinquishes after 13 years.

#### **Deak liquidation**

A Hong Kong court was asked yesterday to authorize the liquidation of Deak-Perera Far East, a finance house associated with the fiscally troubled Deak Group of the United States. The liquidation petition, which was presented to the colony's Supreme Court on behalf of the Financial Secretary, Mr John Bremridge, comes after an injunction on Monday freezing the local Deak company's 255C15.

#### Ford sales

Ford Motor Co secured its largest ever share of the European car market in 1984. Britain's largest society, said accounting for 12.9 per cent of although early December had all new cars sold in Western Europe. It sold 1.290 million cars, almost equalling the record 1.296 million sold in 1983. The group retained its ear sales leadership in Britain, Denmark, Ireland and Norway. In the UK, sales exceeded 480,000 compared with the record 518,000 in 1983.

#### Euro-yen funds

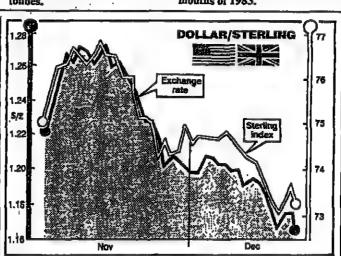
Japan's Nikko Securities and Daiwa Securitie said yesterday they would launch Euro-yen money market funds next month following the liberaliza-tion of the Euro-yen market.

#### Barclays merger

Barclays domestic and international banking operations are to merge under the name Barelays Bank from January 1.

#### RHM surge

The slimming down exercises carried out at Ranks Hovis McDougall, the bakery company, is starting to pay dividends, Mr Peter Reynolds the chairman, tells shareholders in the latest report and accounts. With profits last year at a record £51.1 million, the chairman says that profits so far are running "well ahead" of last year and he expects the half year results to confirm the trend.



## to \$1.1643 low

that the Bank has quietly to see Wilson and Watford have interest rates and oil and to maintain its retail uncertainties at the presence on the floor of the Stock Exchange. Hopefully, it is

Baring has broken new ground in the current series of \$1.1610.

City mergers by declaring the intention that Wilson and Watford, at present seven-partner firm, should become a specialist market maker in European markets. Eurosterling, corporate and The Federal funds rate, the buildeg bonds in addition to a gilts primary dealership. Bulldog bonds are bonds issued by foreign organizations, but de-

nominated in sterling and listed in London. The Bank of England has not yet announced which firms will be granted the right to act as primary dealers in the gilts market after the new rules come into force in 1986, but it is unlikely that Baring would have

gone into such detail without some unofficial approval. Wilson and Watford had given the Bank undertakings that it would continue to make a market in small lots on the

trading floor. Baring declined to say how much it is paying for Wilson and Watford. As usual in these transactions, the cash payment is being made in instalments However, the benefits will extend below the partnership

Mr Rivett-Carnac added that there was "absolutely no intention" by Baring to buy a stockbroker. "We may find a need for additional distributive skills," he said, "but I think we would do that by taking on people."

In May, Baring bought the Far East business of the stockbroker Henderson Crosthwaite. Last month it paid £7 million for the half-share it did not already own in Henderson Baring Management, the jointly owned Far Eastern fund man-

**CURRENCIES** 

#### Baring Brothers, the City merickant bank with origins dating back to 1762, vesterday arranged its place in the gilt-edged market of 1986 and beyond by announcing a 29.9 per cent stake in the gilts jobbing firm of Wilson and Watford In common with other similar deals. Baring's holding Sterling slips a cent

The pound dropped by more mark to close at DM3.1430 in London, later rising further to DM3.1520 in New York,

than a cent to a new London closing low of \$1.1643 yesterday. Dealers said that expecprice Opec meeting in Geneva were behind the fall. Later in New York. sterling slipped further to

Although trading was not heavy during the traditionally quiet Christmas-New Year period, the dollar opened stronger against all currencies in

key US short-term interest rate, rose on Wednesday when the London markets were closed. Yesterday, it remained firm at 3.5 per cent, leading to speculation that last Friday's halfpoint reduction in the Fed discount rate to 8 per cent, could mark the end of the recent downward move in US interest rates.

The dollar's ability to hold up despite the discount rate reduction also boosted confidence in its prospects next year.

The dollar gained 2.15 pfennigs against the Deutsche

#### in a year for riyal Riyadh (AP-Dow Jones)

been devalued 2.3 per cent this year, is being allowed to weaken against the dollar to help the Saudi economy in a climate of slow or no growth and declining oil revenue. Traders were caught off guard

which the Saudis announced at 5.30am, not the usual 5am.

thought it would be announced on Christmas Day, as it was a

the parity on profit-taking. But many market players were on Further devaluations are

Observers say the Saudis will be under pressure to case the

riyal so long as oil prices remain weak and the country's economy is slowing. The cheaper currency means the Government effectively earns more rivals for every dollar of oil revenue. Devaluations also discourage imports, though the relative value of the riyal against major currencies other than the dollar has increased sharply this year.

## Seventh cut

Saudi Arabia devalued its currency yesterday for the seventh time this year adjusting the riyal's parity to \$3.58 from The riyal, which has now

However, one dealer said: Everyone expected a devaluwhen the dollar resched 3.11 this week. Some people

year ago". The immediate market reaction was to drop Saudi deposit rates. The spot dollar-rival rate also fell briefly to slightly below

expected, with some traders predicting a series of them in the new year, leaving the dollar at 3.65 riyals,

### NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

value of £24 billion.

To Holders Of

#### **International Standard Electric Corporation** 81/4% Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the holders of outstanding \$14 % Sinking Fund Debentures due 1986 (the "Debentures") of International Standard Electric Corporation (the "Company") that in accordance with Section 3.02 of the Indenture dated January 1, 1971 (the "Indenture") among the Company, International Standard Electric Corporation, and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association (the "Trustee"), the Company has elected to redeem all of the outstanding Debentures on February 1, 1985 (the "Redemption Date") through the operation of the Sinking Fund at 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with interest thereon at the rate of \$14 % per annum to the Redemption Date.

On February 1, 1985, the Debentures will become due and payable and are required to be presented and surrendered for redemption and payment on or before said date at the following places of payment:

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Credito Italiano Milan, Italy

Banque Generale du Luxembourg S.A. Luxembourg

Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft Frankfurt/Main Federal Republic of Germany

Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association Banque Nationale de Paris S. A.

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The Debentures must be accompanied by all interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after February 1, 1985. thereto maturing after February 1, 1985.

Interest on the Debentures will cease to accrue from and after February 1, 1985 and the interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after said date

It is required by the Internal Revenue Service that if you are a U.S. chizen you must provide your Social Security number when submitting bonds for International Standard Electric Corporation BY BANK OF AMERICA

Dated: December 28, 1984

## Argentine

debt pact Buenos Aires, (Reuter) There is no reason for Argentina's agreement with the FT-SE 100 International Monetary Fund for funds not to be concluded today Senor Leopoldo Portnoy, vice-president of the central bank said yesterday. Creditor banks have sub-

scribed nearly 90 per cent of a package of \$4.2 billion (£3.6 billion) in fresh finance and trade facilities agreed on December 2, sources in the steering committee of Argentina's 320 creditor banks said.

The banks' approval of the deal, which includes the rescheduling for up to 12 years of \$16.5 billion of public sector debt maturing between 1982 and the end of next year, was a and the end of next year, was a condition for final clearance by the IMF of the stand-by loan for Argentina.

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MARKET SUMMARY

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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INTEREST RATES Bank Base: 9%-91 1/9% 3-month interbank 10-91/2% 3-month eigible bills: buying rate

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Slow start for Dow

New York (Agency). Wall Street prices opened lower in moderate trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.56 to 1,208.36 shortly after the market opened. Declines led advances 429-

314 among the 1,258 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape. Analysts said many tutional investors had closed

their books for the year. The Wednesday session was the second slowest of the year, with only 46.7 million shares traded. There was little in the news to stimulate interest. The Treasury Department reported the budget

deficit was \$28.46 billion in November, compared with \$21.59 billion a year earlier. For the first two months of the fiscal year, which began October 1, the difficet was \$57.25 billion. In the same

period of the previous year, the deficit was \$46.46 billion. The Federal budget deficit has been a worry to investor during 1984. Although interes rates have fallen in a response to a drop in the rate of econgrowth, the borrowing needs of the federal government exert upward pressure on rates.

General Motors was anchanged at 77 7-8, Ford up 1-4 at 45 1-2. Chrysler down 1-8 at 31 5-8, Phillips Petroleum down 5-8 at 45 1-2, Mesa Petroleum 1-4 at 18 1-8, Mobil 1-4 at 27 3-4 and Indiana Standard 1-4 at

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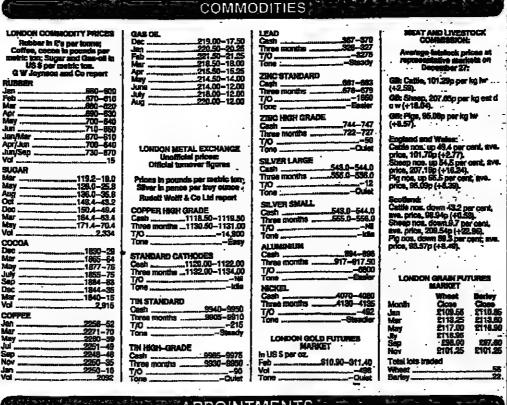
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APPOINTMENTS

Davies, at present joint group managing director, becomes chief managing director, becomes chief executive of the group on January J. UK Association of Frozen Food Producers: Mr Don Angel, chairman of Birds Eye Wall's, is to be the new president from January J. Mr Angel assumes presidency of the association from Mr Brian Cookson, past chairman of Ross Foods, who has held the post for two years. David Brown Gear, Industries: Mr Roy Watts has been appointed a director and executive chairman, He succeeds Sir John Rix.

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las Holder joins the international capital markets division as an assistant director from January I. Guinness Peat Properties: Mr Brian Goswell has been appointed a non-executive director. Mr Goswell is a managing partner of Healey &

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been made group managing director and Mr Leonard Druckman has joined the board. **NEWS IN BRIEF** 

• GREENE KING AND SONS announces the completion of a joint venture with Roullet et Cie, a firm in the Cognac region of France, producing bottling and exporting its own brandy. A new private company, Roullet et Fils has been formed to receive the heaviers of formed to acquire the business of Roullet et Cie in which Greene, King has acquired a 50 per cent shareholding for £178,000 cash.

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MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

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## Japan heads for \$40bn surplus

By Our City.Staff

billion trade surplus in November, suggesting a total for 1984 of about \$40 billion (£34.6 billion) and forming an uncomfortable background to talks between Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister and President Ronald Reagan scheduled for next Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Japanese carmakers fear that Mr Nakasone may be forced to agree to further restrictions on American imports of Japanese cars, after existing curbs expire at the end of March. Toyota and Nissan, in particular, have been pressing for an end to restrictions after four years of voluntary restraint on exports to the United States, arguing that by 1986 they will be facing to the United States, arguing growth rate Sumrtomo Bank is that by 1986 they will be facing forecasting an increase in real gnp of 4.2 per cent in the 1985-American imports from South Korea. Hyundai the South Korean group is expected to enter the US market in the next couple of years, after a successful entry into the Canadian market.

I anan's hilateral surplus on growth rate Sumrtomo Bank is forecasting an increase in real gnp of 4.2 per cent in the 1985-American jumps of 66 financial year, compared with 5.6 per cent in 1984-85, and dropping to an annual rate of only 2.6 per cent in the first half of 1986.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is rather more continus.

Japan's bilateral surplus on American trade is almost as large as its trade surplus with large as its trade surplus with the world as a whole. Although Japan's exports fell slightly in November, to \$13.85 billion compared with \$14.78 billion in October, they were still significantly higher than in November, 1983. Imports also fell slightly in November; at \$10 billion they were even slightly below their level in November, 983.

The overall trade, surplus

Japan recorded a \$3.85 followed a similar pattern, illion trade surplus in dropping from \$4.5 billion in lovember, suggesting a total October, but it was still nearly twice as large as in November,

> Independent forecasters are expecting a further rise next year. Sumitomo Bank yesterday forecast a \$43.9 billion trade surplus during the 1984-81 financial year, which runs to March, rising to \$47 billion in 1985-86. This increase is expected despite a slower rise in exports, which are forecast to rise by only 6.4 per cent in rise by only 6.4 per cent in 1985-86 compared with 16.1 per cent in 1984-85.

This reflects a general expectation that American growth will slow, pulling down Japan's growth rate. Sumitomo Bank is

omic Co-operation and Development is rather more optimistic, forecasting 5 per cent real growth in 1985, dropping to an annual rate of 4½ per cent during the first half of 1986.

Mr Nakasone is likely to try and persuade President Reagan that American imports from Japan likely to slacken anyway, without further curbs.

Sumitomo Bank, for example, expects American

example, expects American imports of Japanese electronics to level off during 1985.

## Dealings halted at Spencer

By Cliff Feltham

The ... troubled Nottingham textile group George Spencer halted dealings in its shares yesteray and announced the departure of the chairman Mr Maurice Cresswell. At the suspension price of 10½p against a high for the year of 27p – the company carries a price of about £700,000.

In a statement, George Spencer said it was calling for a

temporary sospension of its shares "pending clarification of the position of the company". The company's brokers are the Nottingham firm of William

Chapman and Trease.

It is understood that Mr Cresswell announced his resignation at a board meeting late last week, but intends to remain on as a director. Sources close to the company stressed that there was no significance to his departure and said it was extremely unkilely that the boardroom change and the share suspension were a prelude to a takeover bid.

Mr Cresswell, it is believed, wished to resign as chairman in order to pursue his other interests. A board meeting due to be held next week is expected. to clarify George Spencer's trading position.

At the halfway stage of this

year, George Spencer announced press, losses of £242,000 - down from £422,000 previously - but there was no interim dividend and the preference dividend had also not been paid.

Nottingham Manufacturing has a neat 19 per cent shareholding in the group and has frequently been suggested as a likely bidder. George Spencer makes a range of knijwear and leinurewear.

#### Spain to revamp oil monopoly for EEC From Harry Debelius, Madrid

man for the company, said

yesterday. Shareholders were told on Wednesday by the company chairman, Senor Jose Maria Amusatejui that a two-step plan would revamp the company to fit EEC models. He said the reorganization would consolidate ownership of the sales network, the means of distribution and the manufacture of petroleum products in a single

company.

The first phase of the reorganization, according to a over to the state 39 billion law published in Madrid last pesets in cash and other assets

Spain's state authorized petroleum monopoly, Campsa, will be adapted to a European Economic Community pattern, but its monopoly will be strictly maintained throughout the transition period of Spain's entry into the EEC, a spokesman for the company, said million).

> The second step involves the redistribution of the shares in Campsa and its working capital. After the reorganization, state-controlled companies will hold 42.1 per cent of the shares, private companies will hold 41.9 per cent, and the autonomous, but state-funded, National Hydrocarbon Institute (INH) will hold 16 per cent.

Campon will pay off a 100.9 billion peseta debt by handing over to the state 19 billion

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Is Mercantile House Holdings, the ambitious financial services group, about to become an American bid target?

There is growing City specu-lation that MHH, which some believe lacks the financial muscle necessarry to realise its hope of becoming a leading force in the new style British securities industry, would welcome an international link up. And the name frequently mentioned as the most likely suitor is Merrill Lynch, the largest Wall Street securities

group.

MHH has made stremuous wide MHH has made stremuous efforts to emerge as a wide ranging financial group. Two years ago it acquired Oppenheimer Holdings, the American stockbroker and fund manager.

In the past year it has taken over two discount houses, Alexanders Discount and Jessel Alexanders Discount and Jessel Toynbee and Gillett and taken the obligatory stockbroker-stake, a 29.9 per cent holding in Laing and Cruickshank.

These moves have helped transform what was originally a

Shares of Wolverhampton Steam Laundry, one of the market's favourite "fun stocks". jumped 6p to 39p vesterday as speculators toyed with the idea that Mr Tony Berry, chairman of the Blue Arrow employment agency to holidays group, is planning a big development at the loss-making company. Mr Berry and Mr D T Ellingham have 19.6 per cent of the capital.

SHEIGH EXCHANGE

money broking business into an operation which is approaching an American style financial house. MHH's activities, runs the market theory, has impressed Merrill Lynch which, despite some sharp set backs, is still keen on international expansion. It could well feel that MHH is now about the right size for a bid rather than wait until the group has grown even more and become difficult

There was apparently a large line of MHH shares which changed hands just before Christmas. The suggestion is that Merrill Lynch acquired the

was no comment available from shares have surged 62p.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

## Merrill Lynch bid speculation lifts Mercantile House

By Derek Pain

mostly in late trading.

Hopes that the protracted Savoy Hotel entanglement will soon be resolved refuse to disappear, Yesterday Savoy A shares

climbed a further 10p to 415p, a

peak, on reports that the Trusthouse Forte shareholding

traditional holiday run, helped

by talk of bumper Christmas

trading and expectations of

Piccadilly store controlled by

the Weston family, advanced

one time. The shares closed 7p

Fortum and Mason, the

successful sales,

higher at 242p.

Merrill Lynch's New York office nor from its London MHH shares have been as

high as 457p in the past year. Their low point was 245p. Away from the MHH speculation the market enjoyed a rather passive but firm day. Trading was often down to the merest trickle with the odd situation provoking exaggerated attention.

At the close the FT 30 share index was 3 points higher at 929 points, its best level of the day. The FT-SE share index finished 7 points higher at 1,210.9

Once again equities blissfully ignored another poor sterling performance on the foreign exchange market. The pound was weighed down by oil price uncertainties and fears that US interest rates are about to creep

But government securities felt the pound's discomfort, falling by up to £% early on and hovering at the lower levels for the rest of the day.

Oils, awaiting the latest Opec decisions, were a few coppers There was, for the second

trading day in succession, considerable activity on the brewery pitch with, again, Mathew Brown, the Blackburnbased brewery, and Arthur Guinness and Sons making the running.

Speculation that a bidder.

American investors remain probably Scottish and Newkeenly interested in the group castle Breweries, is about to but yesterday's advance was descend on Brown lifted the helped by the disclosuree of the Yesterday, as MHH shares shares 20p to a 28p peak. In a edged ahead 3p to 322p, there little more than a week the group's ambitious Continental Reliant Motor, famed for its

Guinness, up 7p, to 220p, continued to draw support from its takeover of the Neighbourthree-wheelers, was also strong, reaching a 51p peak, up 2p. Tea shares remained in favour with Eastern Produce

hood Stores business. The brewing group clearly intends to rising 13p to 353p.

The unexpected bid from Consolidated Goldfields for Bath and Portland Group lifted the shares 17p to 300p. Cons Gold gained 5p to 489p. Rival bidders C. H. Beazer, which has 22 per cent of B and P gained 10p to 372n. rapidly develop its convenience Among leaders to perform well were Hanson Trust, which responded to renewed American buying, and British Tele-com which climbed to 102p,

10p to 372p.

Builders William Leech, which succefully resisted an earlier Beazer takeover bid, gained 5p to 131p on the theory that if Beazer is forced to pull out of the B and P battle it will again turn its attention

again turn its attention to another which got away. Powell Duffrys, which is resisting a bid from Hanson, edgeahead 2p to 425p. is about to be sold. THF owns more than 70 per cent of the capital but only 43 per cent of Pilkington Glass responded

to favourable stockbroker comment, gaining 10p to 292p. Pineapple Dance Studios rose a further 10p to 100p. Julianes, 8p 10 198p.

Demand in an exceedingly thin market lifted Isle of Man Steam Ship 13p to 123p. Good Relations, weak Christmas Eve, managed an 8p

Jaguar, the car group which came to the stock market at Haslemere Estates shed 2p to 165p last summer, continued to 500p as the Dutch investment power ahead, hitting 245p at group, Rodamco, increased its shareholding to 9.2 per cent. The Dutch group has been steadily adding to its Haslemere shareholding since it first disclosed a 5 per cent stake

gain to 245p.

earlier this year.

Bank shares tended lower but insurances managed a modest

continued to respond to its recent Far East deal, rising

another 5p to 580p.

Ryan Hotels, the Irish group, featured with a 1½p gain to 20½p on speculation that hotelier Mr Nazmu Virani may launch a bid for full control. He already has a significant shareholding in the company.

The reshaping of London Park Hotels, under the direction of Mr Nurdin Jivraj, is gathering pace. Yesterday, the company paid £7 million for the Plazza Hotel, Bayswater. Since Mr. Javraj won control of LPH, the witon Hotels, with a 340p a share offer, he has sold one London hotel, the Mount Pleasant, for £3.8 million, and acquired another, the Royal Angus, for 3 million. LPH shares were unchanged at 345p.

and a big shareholder in the Belhavan Brewery. But it is thought that any bid will come from his privately owned hotel and property company, the

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#### **TEMPUS**

## Hard task for Beazer to match Gold Fields bid

Consolidated Gold Fields is making an agreed £61.5 million bid for Bath and Portland Group, the quarrying and construction company, appears to set the scene for a prolonged takeover battle. But can C H Beazer (Holdings), the other contender for Bath and Portland's hand, match such an

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offer and should it be doing so? Beazer issued a holding statement yesterday saying that it was considering its position and would not make up its mind until it had seen Gold Fields' formal offer document.

Beazer already has 22 per cent of Bath and Portland on which the potential gross profit if it, sells is a tempting £5,3 million. Even so, to match, let alone better, Gold Fields' terms would be quite a task for Beazer whose market value is only £86 million.

Moreover, Beazer has been so active on the corporate front over the last few years that it could not expect to dump the amount of paper necessary to take over Bath and Portland on the market without some loss

There is also the question of whether Bath and Portland is worth £61.5 million to Beazer. Aggregate reserves of the type that Bath and Portland possesses in abundance, are worth far more to Gold because of the economies of scale than to Beazer. Gold Fields, through its Amey Roadstone offshoot, is already one of the largest quarrying companies in Britain, whereas Beazer, has almost no presence in aggregates.

The Office of Fair Trading can be expected to take a close look the Gold Fields move although in the final analysis would appear little

hance of a Monopolies and because of the lack of geographical overlap between the aggregate and ready-mixed concrete interests of the two

Beazer may feel some justifiable surprise at the apparent volte-face of the Bath and Portland directors who attacked the Beazer bid because they thought Beazer might try to break the group up, only to recommend an offer from a company which has stated that it will probably sell Bath and Portland's big and fast-growing

instrumentation business.
As it stands with little in the way of back-up information, Bath and Portland's estimate that profits in the year to the end of October will rise from £2.1 million to £5.8 million is a little inadequate, Nevertheless, Beazer is going to find it difficult to match Gold Fields'

#### **US** bonds

US bonds faltered again yester-day, as the Fed funds rate climbed over 8 per cent, reflecting year-end liquidity pressures. Bonds have been mixed throughout the Christmas season. Even a cut in the Fed discount rate to 8 per cent has failed to bring in the speculators.

The problem for US bonds is that most holders now feel that the Fed may be forced to tifhten fairly shortly, as the impact of its easier money policies feeds through quickly to the real economy. Broad has been growing rapidly since late summer The money measures M2 and M3. for example, have been expanding as about 9 per cent.

seasonally adjusted a millio (November, 7.1 million), an such buoyancy is in line wit the general pick-up in cor sumer confidence,

The counterpart to spending recovery lies not in the output data-non-car production rose only 0.1 per cent in November, but in the continued deterioration of the US current account. The third quarter outcome was appalling, even by US stabilizeds.

A merchandise trade deficit of \$33 billion (Q2:\$26 billion) was almost unchanged at the current account level, indicating just how fast the traditional invisibles surpls is croding. November trade figures today could show a \$12 billion difficit, putting the US in line for a possible \$130 billion deficit in

Against this background, the vogue defensive switch may well be into West German bonds, depite this year's good performance, and the threat of more political Flick-related scandals in the new year.

The appeal of the switch lies mainly in the strength of the West German economy.

No prospective bond-holder could argue with some of the key German data. Industrial production is growing at 5 per cent, and central bank money at almost 5 per cent. German inflation should average about 24 per cent next year.

But according to the market, the switch may be only temporary. Dollar bond yields may back up to about 1212 per cent in early 1985, assuming the Fed is forced to reverse its easy money stance, and protect the dollar. At that point US bonds will look attractive

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#### Bank chief predicts a boom in lending

Mr Philip Wilkinson, group chief executive of National Westminster Bank, yesterday, predicted a bank lending boom

this would lead to a surge in interest-rates. In a new year message to the

public, Mr Wilkinson forecast a healthy rebound\* economic growth. He "As the international financial scene becomes more settled, we see realistic pros-

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Mr Philip Wilkinson: healthy

pects that base rates and other United Kingdom interest rates will remain at moderate levels in 1985, helping to sustain economic activity."

Many jobs were being created through the expansion of small firms and the decision by more people to become self-employed. This would increase demand for bank finance.

Mr Wilkinson concluded: "Although unemployment is still a matter for concern, encouragement can be drawn from the increasing pro-ductivity of British industry and the rise in the employed labour

## House prices up by 14 per cent

owners yesterday with figures showing a 14 per cent rise in average house prices during by 4 per cent in the fourth-quar-1984. – 2 per cent more than the ter of 1984 with stable house

But the figures revealed wide regional, variations, as did a survey on 1984 house price rises carried out by the Anglia Building Society, which showed discrepancies of up to 50 per

The Nationwide's figures show that average house price rises easily exceeded the 5 per cent retail price increase and the 7 per cent increase in average earnings over the year. Greater London had the

biggest price increases, averag-ing 17 per cent in the year, closely followed by the onter South-East area where prices increased by 16 per cent. Prices rose by only 8 per cent in Northern Ireland and 9 per cent in Scotland.

The average price of a home now is £32,810 and the average mortgage advance is £22,850, representing 70 per cent of the average price. Regionally, the most expens

metropolitan area, where the everage price was £43,650. The cheapest areas were Yorkshire and Humberside,

By Cliff Feltham

Clyde Petroleum, which has a substantial stake in the Wytch Farm oilfield in Dorset, is putting its American oil and gas interests up for sale. It hopes to get at least \$30 million (£35 million) for them.

\$10.5 million next year.

Clyde's chief executive Mr

Clyde, having established a firm base in Britain throught the acquistion of a 7.5 per cent stake in Wytch Farm, now believed it could find suitable opportunities in Britain and north west Europe "which were more relevant to the scale of Clyde's future operations than the United States."

#### Clyde seeks **\$30m** for US oil and gasinterests

exploration acreage which stretches through five states but mainly Texas and Oklahoma is expected to produce a net income of more than

John Courlay, said a combi-nation of factors have led the group to pull out, including the sliding oil price. He added: "We now believe we can make more hard slog in the United States. We don't feel that without a great deal of investment it could grow at more than 10 to 15 per

## Philippines in debt plea

Philippines will ask for a further moratorium on repayment of principal on its \$26 billion (£21.6 billion) foreign debt when the present moratorium expires next month, Mr Cesar Virata, the Prime Minister, said

"We will seek a continuation of the present standstill agree-ment which expires in the first

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garage. The sale will be conducted by auction.

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Manila, (Reuter) - The week in January," he told a Mr Virata said: "In the press conference.

> million special drawing rights as part of a rescue package that included rescheduling about 5.75 billion owned to commercial banks as well as \$925 million in new loans and \$3 billion in trade credits.

> pines would have to seek untion of the moratorium because discussions with its advisory group of creditor banks on the package agreed with the IMF have not yet

coming months, we have to meet the advisory group in order to clear the documentation for the new money facility and the trade facility. "We have to seek endorse-

ment of what we have agreed upon with the Paris Club members of official creditors." Mr Virata said the Philippines may also have to ask for another extention beyond the one now being requested, taking the moratorium into June.

sion would be for another 90 days but that would depend on when the advisory committee expected to disburse the funds and when all of the restructuring agreements were in place.

 Sao Paulo (Reuter) – Brazil's commercial bank creditors are prepard to grant Brazil a multiyear rescheduling deal for its foreign debt. Negotiations on the details of the pact will resume in New York next Thursday, Central bank officials said.

The financial newspaper, Gaxete Mercantile said in a report from Washington that Brazil is seeking to reschedule \$51 billion falling due up to the end of 1991, while the banks offered to renegotiate \$17 billion worth of debt expiring

The banks made no specific counter proposal to Brazil's request for an eight-year grace period, the news paper added.

between 1985 and 1990. The Brazilian proposal calls for the debt to be rescheduled over 16 years, but the banks would prefer 14 years, it said.

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Britain's third largest build- where the average price was ing society, the Nationwide, £25,020, and the northern brought good news to home region where the average price was £25,440. House prices nationally rose

> Demand in the normally quiet pre-Christmas period appears to have been stimulated by November's cut in mortgage rates and the ready availability of mortgage funds. This unseasonal strong demand was reflected in the marked rise in

> almost all regions.
> The Anglia Building Society's figures indicate prices in London and the South-east rose by 10.5 per cent in 1984, but in the North by 5.6 per cent. They also show that the value of pre-1919 houses relative to other house prices had been hit by poor availability of improvement grants and the imposition of value added tax on home

Meanwhile, the Woolwich the fifth biggest building society

has confirmed that it will install about 40 cash dispenser

machines next year in larger branches, mainly in the South. The Woolwich is one of seven societies involved in ve areas were in the outer developing the electronic funds transfer system and will link its machines to those of the other

societies when the system is launched next year.

The Philippies imposed the moratorium in October 1983 and it has been extended in 90-This month, the Inter-national Monetary Fund ap-proved a standby credit of 615

Mr Virata said the Philip-

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Ray French's case against the RFU

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### End of the road for Monte Carlo

Take place next year, the Automobile Club of Monace months of arguing club and the French Federal of Sports Cars (FFSA).
The ACM said it had made

the decision to scrap the rally after the Freuch federation had insisted on controlling the organization of the event. Also the FFSA had de

nded a fee of 1 million fis (about £90,000) to cover the cust of running the rally through France. The competitive stages of the rally have traditionally been held in southern France. but French motoring chies, members of the FFSA, lave normally given their services free or, at most, asked for the reimbursement of minor expens-

The demand for the fee came after Monaco involved in arguments over television nate for its other famous motoring event, the Monaco Grand Prix, with the international Auto Sports. Federation (FISA) and its parent body, the International Automobile Federation (FIA).

Jean-Marie Ballestre, the executive president of the FIA and the president of both FISA and the FFSA, has been blamed by the ACM for ending the rally, even though he had red compromize terms to modify the FFSA demand for payment on the rally. The terms were not explained in detail, but Ballestre suggested that the real cost to the FFSA exceeded the Im Frs demand. He requested that Mouseo pay the real costs,

but over an extended period.

Balestre said he had never set. out to destroy the rally and had made all the concessions to the ACM that it could do under

"The only disagreement in the last few days has been over federations of sports events on their national territory", he said. "The ACM has systematically refused to app

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Leslie Comptee (above) died yesterday aged 72. He played cricket for Middlesex, belging the side win the county championship in 1947; he was also an Arsenid footballer, capped twice by England. Obita-ary, page 12.

IN BRIEF

#### Cheshire gain victory with last-minute goal

After scoring the only goal in the After scoring the only goal in the last minute of their match with Westmorland on the opening day of the North women's bockey championship yesterday. Cheshire are second in the championship table, (Joyce Whitehead writes). Lancashire had a close game with Yorkshire, but beat them 2-1 and

Yorkshire were unfortunate. Having made one substitution, Gillian Brown was then unjured, so Elaine Burt, their second substitute had to be brought on as left wing, a new position for her. Margaret Souyave and Julie Aspan scored Lancashire's goals in the first half. Yorkshire's one was from a penalty-

SPEEDWAY: Einer Kyllingstad, the 19-year-old Norwegian cham-pion, has signed professional forms to ride for Reading in the British to not for kesting in the strain League next season, according to an announcement he made on Norwegian radio yesterday. Reading, who finished fourth in the league last season, formerly had another Norwegian rider, Dag Lorvass.





Ball-watching: Barbarians and Leicester struggle for possession in their match yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

## Barbarians quelled once more by Leicester's well-drilled cohort

By David Hands Rughy Correspondent

Baberians.

unfortunate habit for the Bar-banisms in the annual Christmas canounter at Welford Road. It happened for the fourth year running yesterday. Leicester rounding off their victory with a giorious try by Evans, their right wing who crossed under the posts after beating three de-fenders in a curving 75 metre

Even with seven of the icam who did so well against the Australians earlier this meath, the Barbarians could not hope to match the team stolls of the club side. But they kept the coatest open until the final quarter when Cusworth broke the back of their registance with two tries. The final margin of Leicester's win was four goals. two tries and a penalty goal against two tries and a ponalty. t was the fourth consecutive year they had scored over 30 points in this fixture.
Such a difference backed

metically in the early stages when the Burbarians dominated pos-session. Created considerable

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Cheshire under 18% a carviable work nave and 2005 Carried the day agence knowshipe at Caldy in a scrappy but keenly contested match

that demonstrated the value of honest endeavear over fills and

Languishire schools have lacked a solid pack in recent years, but vestically they had the edge in the

fineous and control of the set spruss. The problems commenced when possession had been won. Their fastest backs were Preston in the centre and Haner, the full

more quickly despite the late adjustments to the side which brought Cook and Robbins into the back row instead of the unavailable McGaughey and Hesford,

Throughout eicester found difficulty at the incout but as time wore on the greater the penetration of their backs and the more certain their loose possession became. Richards, their No 8, makes a practice of distinguishing him-self against the Barbarians; it was the icing on his particular cake that he should have opened the scoring but it was his sure touch at the lineous and strength in the tackle that was of

The Barbarians were not helped by a shoulder injury to Robbins who left the field briefly during the second balf for treatment. This left Anderson under a greater burden at the lineout but it was not so much lack of possession which was the Barbarians' downfall as lack of understanding during moments of high ambition. On another day passes would have seed to hand which might have led to tries; yesterday a Leicester hand or foot destroyed any such bopes and led more

and finally Cheshire were awarded a penalty for a ruck offence and Hall contributed the game's only points

constituted the game's only points with a coolly-taken penalty.

"Lancashire had two chances before half-time. Hamer missed an averagely difficult penalty and crisp left to right passing created a hint of an overlap before Swift dropped what nright well have been a scoring

Favoured by the faint breeze, Cheshire enjoyed territorial domi-action of the second half in which

Mallalieu was quick and incisive.
Lancashire made the occasional

force, Hasamer threatened to snatch the winning try, he also had a second penalty chance which was pushed to the right.

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cqual value to his side.

Leicester led 13-7 at the interval and were slightly fortunate to be so placed since Ring, the most exciting of the Barbarian backs had twice created havoc in the Leicester defeace with sinuous running and world almost certainly have scored a second try except that his intended chip over the advancing Hare went straight into the full back's stomach instead.

Robbins was recalled after crossing the line - interestingly, because Wyatt was penalised for running guard on him and preventing Cusworth making a tacle, a situation which has occurred several times this season during the Australian tour and has not always been penalized. At the other end, Evans put a

foot in touch on his way to the line. Had the Barbarians put away some of these early chances we might have had a different game, but with Hare throwing his considerable talents into attack, the Barbarians foung the Tigers growling in a forbidding manner. Simon Smith squeezed over

at the start of the second half before Cusworth dived in at the

beat Ackerman to the line for a second try in the space of 12 Liecester's fifth and from the restart Leicester ran from their own line, Williams and Evans performed a little loop at the end of the move and the latter took off on his spectacular conclusion to the match.

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 Coventry, unexpected winners at Moseley on Boxing Da. face a stern test when Cardiff visit them on Saturday. Cardiff will be withoug their inter-national half-backs. Gareth Davies and Terry Holmes, but field a full-strength pack with the exception of the Wales lock, Bob Norster, who broke his jaw

Schools rugby toasts New Zealand and Cheshire

## West country fails to gain revenge

The South West of England has always felt slightly ashancel of fixelf against New Zealanders, since the first visiting All Blacks, in their first match, in 1905, best Devon 55-40. Since Devon were county champions match, in 1905, beat Devon 55-40. Since Devon were county champions at the time, as they were to be again that season, the result was accepted by most renders of the stop-press as an obvious misprint. Nothing like that could passibly happen. But it was all too true, and confirmed when Cornvall promptly went down 41-8. Yearnings for revenge have been tenathy but assatisfied. Yesterday, at Bath, South and South West half-time. By then the white and black jerseys were almost indistin-guishable, and the counties changed into a fresh set, which remained vinginal for about 30 seconds. The home side defended very well against repeated New Zealand surges. The full back and the back

lenathy but ausstissical. Yesterday, ut Bath, South and South West Schools took on the touring New Zealand Schools with reasonable hopes (for some of the best rugby schools in the country are in the west), took the lend, ciung on to it for inif un hout, were still level at half-time, never collapsed, but were remornelessity overborne in the second half insing 21-3 to a goal, a try, and three penalty goals, against a penalty goal.

a penalty goal.

It was a bright afternoon, although cold. The fields up by the Shan Castle, which the sun had not Shin Castle, which the son mu not quite reached, were white. There was a substantial crowd, many of them schoolmasters and pupils cheering on their particular favour-ites. I am inclined to think that Weston-super-Mare Tech got the

loudest cheers, especially when Hankey kicked the first penalty goal. The ground was very muddy, and New Zealand took some time to get used to it. But Cooper had kicked the first of his three penalty goals by half-time. By then the white and

New Zeahad forwards were steadily getting on top of the scruminages. They did leak big boys, and although the South and South West were not exactly tiny, weight told. A try by Harding on the left, which Cooper converted, put New Zeahand ahead at 12-3. Then, near the end, their captain, Stone – who came on the later vanisacement — scorned

their captain, Stone — who came on as a late replacement — stored another excellent try, and Cooper again provided the kick.

The South and South West did not play badly. Their defence showed that they had learned much about the old and valuable act of corner-flagging. Their scrum half, Kardoosi, of Sherborne, was full of imagination, although too unfamiliar with his colleagues to make the most of it.

#### **Exiles** leave Wales with heads down By Gerald Davies

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London Welsh

Whether it was the delayed reactions to the dietary excesses of the festive season or the fact that this was their second game in two days for both clubs, this match, after the colourful flourishes at the Arms Park was ordinary fare. The rain, which had gone some way to mar Swanses's boliday fixtures, at least stayed away yesterday, although it made no difference to the style,

battle. Not suc, but two Q.s. nave officed to take the case on for no fee.
"Individual liberty is at stake," French said.

For a Union man — at any rate, for administrators — Rugby League is anathena, the sin of witchcraft, an immentionable, disgusting blot on the good name of sport. "They don't maderstand that things are different round here." French said, "On Saturday people will go to St Helen's Rugby Union club. And on Saturday you see the same people watching St Helens Rugby League club. This area between Liverpool and Manchester is a rugby area. Round Wigan, St Helens, Widnes and Warrington, kids just don't play about, so one bothers about codes."

The RFU has declared its determination not to discriminate against any one on the grounds of Despite nine tries to all, and no penalties again, it was largely a forward contest where Swansea dominated, even though their two back row men, Paul Moriarty and Mark Davies, retired early with injuries and were replaced by Gison backer and Unreliance contents. a hooker, and Hutchings, scrum half, in this respect Swansca did remarkably well to win by one goal and five tries to a goal and two tries. that means may have beening tank it is perfectly all right to go to South Africa. "They do discriminate, though," French said, "They discriminate against Rugby League players, it is a matter of bigoery and discrimination – and it has nothing

London Welsh, until their visit to Waies, had lost only three games but they now had to go home having lost both their boliday games. There was no sign of the style which had gaied them this year's reputation. The Welsh Rugby Union selectors three of whom were present are now searching in earnest for Robert Norster's replacement in the Welsh team, and were interested no doubt in John Collins' performance for the London Welsh

failed to make an impression in an area where Swansea dominated Whereas the exies did well at the serum, Swansea, through Richard Moriarty, roamed up and down the lineout at will and Williams at the front, who had a rampaging game, cleared up just about everything. London Welsh, however, exposed

the home side's defensive weak-nesses on two occasions in the corner after Bowring and George had created space from the back of the scrum. And then Leleu split the defence after George had carried out a dummy scissors with Nigel Rees to score and which Thomas

Swanses came back with tries by Hitchins and Robert Jones before Hughes went over for a try which closed the exiles' accounts. Before half time the home side closed the gap when Jeffries scored another

In between these scores there was nothing much to cheer about. It was a one-sided affair in the second half when Swansea's forwards took command and Evans, Gilson and Richards added further tries, only one of which Thomas was able to convert.

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FOOTBALL: QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS PREPARE TO INTRODUCE THEIR NEW SIGNING AT STOKE

#### Robinson ready to step into Stainrod's shoes

Where houest graft

brought its reward

Michael Robinson, signed by Queen's Park Rangers from Liverpool for £100,000, yesterday, is favourite to take over from the suspended Simon Stainrod at Stoke City tomorrow.

Robinson, who snowed to Article

Roberts, the two centres.

Early in the match a glorious

weaving ran by Preston almost brought a my, but some wild Lancashire passing encouraged

Cay tomorrow.

Robinson, who moved to Amfield from Brighton for £250,000 18 months ago, managed 13 goals as 51 appearances for Liverpool. His last first division game was at Tottenham in October, and he will be hoping for a change of fortune after thanaging, one league and three server team goals this season.

Listaka (APP) — Stoke City are interested in signing two Zambam players, it has been reported here. The Hartine Sanday Mail say Stoke are looking at two forwards.

are looking at two forwards, Kalusha Bwalya and Frederick Kashimoto, who both play for Mufpling Wanderers. Alistair Robertson, the West Bronzwich Albion defendor, is to ask

Bronwich Albion delender, it is and for a personal hearing after being charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. The charge relates to an incident with George Reilly, of Watford, after a match, which was reported by referee Alian Banks.

A Football League referre has admitted be took the same of the same player in a fourth division. wrong player in a fourth division same last month. The Foodball Association nonfied Halifax Town that their player-coach, Billy Ayre, had been cautioned for persistent misconduct in the match at Crewe on November 23, Buthe club's other

on November 23, Bothe club's other course back Alan Nill said he was the player concerned and referee Howard King (Merthyr Tydfil) was saided by the disciplinary committee to reconsider this report. The FA tald, Hallfax yesterday that the points had now been debited against Nill, who now has 19 to his name. CRICKET: Ashley Metcaife, the Yorkshire opening battanan, who was 21 on Christmas Day, has announced his engagement to Disne Ringworth, the 12-year-old younger daughter of the former Yorkshire, Leicestershire and England captain.



Robinson: £109,000

 Derek Dougaa's seign as chair-man of Wolverhampton Wanderers was in doubt yesterday following a statement from Affied Properties, the owners of the struggling Molinetz Club. They disassociated

Molineau Club. They disassociated themselves completely from the "I am backing Dougan" statement issued recently by the Allied Chief executive, John Statement, released by Frie Woodward, the whit's chief executive, read "Allied wish to make it perfectly clear Mr Staring was speaking for himself in that he was expressing a personal point of view as a board director and not in his especity as an Allied director. Further, Mr Staring hid not consult the chairman of Allied before his statement was made." statement was made."

The Wolverhampson board are

eduled to meet again next

#### **Ardiles** must wait but Hoddle hopeful

Osvaldo Ardiles is still not ready to make his return to the Tottenham Hatspar first team despite helping the club's reserves to an 8-3 victory over Orient at Cheshant yesterday. He was thought to be a contender for over Orient at Cheshant yesterday. He was thought to be a contender for tometrow's match at home to Smiderland but Peter Shreeves, the club's manager, said: "He needs a few more games before he is ready."

The Argentine midfield player has not played senior football for a year following a cracked shin bothe and a knee operation but there was better news for Glen Hoddle and Clive Allen, both of whom have been absent from Canan Learne duty

absent from Cason League duty recently. They were substituted after an hour of pesterday's game with Shreeves declaring: "They have done enough to prove their fitness to

Mike Duxbury could be dropped by Manchester United as they try to make up lost ground at Chelsen tomorrow. Ron attimann, the cinb's manager, says he will recall the lissh central defender. Paul McGrath, but delays a decision on who drops out. John Gidman has horn in good form since he took over from Duxbury has not impressed in central defence. McQueen is the other defender whose place is under

eld ens as hou Haddle could earn an immediate recall but Alban will have to wait longer, Shreeves added: "Glen did everything I wanted him to do. Some of his feetwork and manipulation of the ball was top notch and he definitely comes into the squad. Clive looked sharp but with Gath Crooks and Mark Fallo going sowell I don't envisage making a change in the front line."

#### Kelly leads appeal for local council cash

Non-League football by Paul Newman

their communities, particularly at a time when many clubs are in serious financial difficulties.

"At Nuneaton we average gates of

more than 1,000 for our Gola League games and no one else here provides that sort of service and entertainment week in and week out," he said. "The achievements by several other semi-professional clubs in the FA Cup recently have brought tremendons publicity to their towns. Telford United have been doing it for three seasons now and this year Burton Albion have really put their town on the map. Now is the time for us to make our

Mr Kelly is drafting a letter for clubs to send to councils pointing out the services that clubs provide for their communities and the problems they face in the current proteins they race in the current reconomic climate. "Some councils already support their clubs, whether they're semi-professional or in the Canon Leagure," he said. "I know of one council who have made a £100,000 interest-free loan to their local club and I believe more should follow their granule."

follow their example." follow their example."

Numeston are in particular need of financial support. The club had debts of more than £100,000 last year and although they have been reduced by more than half, Mr Kelly believes Numeston face "another 12 months of hard work" before they

## Nuneaton Borough, is launching a Altrincham forward, has been campaign to persuade local councils to give more support to semi-professional clubs in their areas. Mr Kelly wants councils to recognize the contribution that clubs make to their communities particularly as a position at Southport.

Rogers, who played League football for Port Vale and Wigan Athletic, ined Runcorn last season but has recently been playing only at local level and does not intend to play for South Liverpool. He will be assisted by Cliff Roberts, who was on the coaching staff at Runcorn.

Altrincham colleague, John King, who enjoyed considerable success as the manager of South Liverpool before rejoining Altrincham last

won jour and drawn one of the seven games under Allison and occupy a mid-table position in the Northern League second division.

• Maidstone United hope to emploint 2 new manager next week. Bill Williams resigned as the manager of the Gola League champions earlier this month in order to return to South Africa.

Tester recalled

Shrewsbury Town have recalled Paul Tester, the winger who has been on loan with the fourth division leaders. Hereford United,

## FOR THE RECORD

Rogers will be hoping to emulate

 Malcoim Allison, who has been Malcolm Allison, who has been managing Willington for the last two months, has told the Northern League club that he is likely to leave in the near future because he is considering a business venture outside football. Willington have won four and drawn one of the

TENNIS

## Barnes

"They live in an ivory tower, the Regby Union people. They gave up their boot money investigations because of "lack of evidence". Yet, in France, people have left League to play Union, because in union the wages are better. connections.

Ray French conches Rugby League on Wednesdays, and Rugby Union on Saturdays, snostly to the same boys. He has union homours first. The Rugby Football Union won't allow you to do it the other wages are better.

"The split between the RFU and the Northern Union came about because the northerners were paying for sharers when

because the northerners were paying 2s 6d expenses for players who could not afford to take a day off work. Now Union pays some of the most liberal expenses in sport."

French's view implies that the Union's undying love for its own amateur status comes more than anything from a desire to maintain what advertising men call "the point of difference". This is the factor that distinguishes two highly similar products, and which is therefore emphasized in order to sell the staff. phasized in order to sell the stull emphasized in order to near the same.
The idea put over, then, is that the
Union is rathing whatever to de with
those horrid, mency-grabbing chaps from up porth.

Rogby League players are mostly part-timers, policemen, miners, teachers, As a Sodom and Gomorrah of sporting professionaliss Rugby League is something of

And the Union attitude to professionaliza in sport is hardly straightforward. The logic is not d: "Cricketers are pro fessional sportsmen. They can and do play ragby union. The highest paid griding footballer in America could play for Harlequins, it is a myth the Rugby Union is against professionalism. It is against Rugby

#### Union men want to kill the game off

But despite any opposition, Rugby League is doing rather well at the moment. It is not just the rather trouble-prose experiment of bringing full League sides south that stakes this point – for more significant is the spread of the game at amateur level. Southerners like myself see League as a purely professional game, but this is inaccurate. There are 1,000 amateur Rugby League clobs in the country.
There are 27 of them in London, and
a full division in Wales. The sport
grew spectacularly in the seventies. and the game is now battling to the demand for admin men and coaches, "This has frightened the Rugby Union men," French said. "They want to kill the game off."

Players can now swop between the two games with perfect freedom at schoolboy and at student level. After that, the Union will not permit a pinyer to play both codes in the done the unforgivable and played League for money, you cannot be involved with Union ever again . unless your are a school teacher, coaching as part of your profession.

French argues that doing voluntary work for your county Rugby
Union committee is part of a teacher's professional work — it looks jolly good on your CV, even if

looks jolly good on your CV, even if you don't get any cash for it. He has powerful friends and a powerful case. He is fighting the game of Rugby Union for the right to give up his free time to help the game. This is a row about a few half-crowns doled out 90 years ago. It is a uniquely English mess, all about class, while pretending to be about something else. Perhaps I should add that both games can provide a splendid afternoon of sport. But I am not writing about sport, and I? am not writing about sport, am I?

French: man in the middle **RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Widnes hopes dented by Tamati's suspension

Widnes suffered another severe Trophy semi-finals have been announced. Saturday's game between Halifax and Hull Kingston Rovers will be at Headingley with a 2.15 kick off. The second semi-final blow in what has been so far a captain, Kevin Tamati, was suscapian, Revin Tamau, was sus-pended for six matches by the disciplinary committee in Leeds yesterday. Tamati, a New Zealand international, was sent off during the game against Hunslet a week last between Hull and Leeds will be at Boothferry Park on Saturday week with a 2.45pm kick-off. Although Hull Kingston Rovers took the opportunity of postponing their League game at Hunslet on Boxing Day, their opponents in Saturday's John Player Special Trophy semi-final. Halifax, elected

Sunday.

A hard working skipper and A hard working skipper and leader. Tamati has at times played a lone hand as the Widnes pack have managed to find form despite injuries, and his loss for six games will seriously dent his sides hopes of winning the championship. Peter Roe, the Hunslet centre, was suspended for four matches following industrial to the same experience incidence in the same experience. suspension to the making follow-ing incidents in the same game.

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The venues for the John Player

secretary, had no regrets about his club's decision. "We went ahead because we expected, and got, one of the biggest attendances of the season, nearly 7,000. ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL BASKETBALL
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA):
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**FOOTBALL** 

to play yesterday and beat their local rivals. Bradford Northern, 26-8. Both semi-finalists were entitled to call off matches close to their cup

tie, but Bernard Kearns, the Halifax

#### Miss Budd off to Zurich in silent flight

Johannesburg (Agencies) - Zola Budd flew to Switzerland yesterday for a five mile road race on Sunday the Olympics.
The South African-born runner aged 18, who became a British citizen in April, refused to speak to

reporters at Jan Smuts international airport when she left and a news conference scheduled to take place on Saturday in Zurich was reported In November having left Britain, Miss Budd announced that she was giving up international athletics and would stay in South Africa. Then after talking to Nigel Cooper, the secretary of the British Amateur Athletic Boats and advisors in

Athletics Board and advisers in Annetics Board, and advisers in South Africa, she changed her mind and said she would run in Zurich and decide her frume later.

SAO PAULO: In the auxieth St Sylvester road race - an annual event which marks the Brazilian New Year - Victor Mora, of Columbia, will be trying to surpass Gaston Roelants's record of four victories in the neurons's record. victories in the women's race, Rosa Mota, of Portugal, will also be aiming to break a record by winning the race for the fourth consecutive

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most promising newcomers, has outstanding claims in the £5,000 Salmon Spray Hurdle at Fontwell Park this afternoon, Jeff King's four-year-old looked out of his depth in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot 13 days ago but produced an excellent performance to chase home See You Then, this year's

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> Triumph Hurdle runner-up. Although See You Then let the form down on Wednesday when a well-beaten third in the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle, it was none the less a line effort by Joy Ride to beat the more experienced pair, Desert Orchid and Northern Trial.

The best of the opposition today should be Averon, who has also taken well to hurding. However, Joy Ride beat that rival by two and a half lengths when both made their hurdling debuts at Windsor last month. and they meet here on

indentical terms, Diamond High, beaten only two heads on his first run over hurdles at Linefield Park last Saturday, makes a quick reappearance in the first division of the Brighton Novices' Hurdle and should prove too good

Petit Pain is likely to start a warm order for the second division of the novice hurdle following his fluent debut success at Hereford last week but he beat little there and Double Swipg may prove better value, Dina Smith's three-year-old was an easy winner at Newbury last month and was far from disgraced when fifth to Wing and A Prayer in Chehenham's Triumph Hurdle Trial.

At Newcastle, Ted Carter, the Malton trainer, has bright prospects of a double with Camionnage in the first division of the Parridge Novices Hurdle and Grinders in the Game Bird Hindicap Chase. Grinders has been hindered by jumping errors on a numbers of occasions but seems to be getting his act together at last and it looks significant that he runs so soon after Nottingham last Saturday.

Making an even swifter reappear-ance is Miss Apollo, a comfortable winner at Wetherby on Boxing Day.

Joy Ride, one of the season's Even with an 8lb penalty for that success. Zoe Green's mare has only 10st 4lb to carry in the Pheasant Handicap Hurdle and should follow up at the chief expense of Wold Rat.

The most interesting race at Taunton is the St John's Day Trophy in which the promising St William takes on handicappers for the first time. Ron Hodges's seven-year-old completed a quick double in novice company at Plumpton and Ludlow earlier this month and his pace should prove decisive.

Grima, St William's nearest pursuer at Ludlow, has a good chance of getting off the mark in the Jacob Marley Novices' Chase at Warwick, lan Dudgeon's gelding had good form over hurdles last year and is sure to have benefited

year and is sure to have benefited from his initial experience of fences. The Warwick card also features the day's most intriguing race, the Edward Courage Cup, in which all four runners can be given a chafter on their best form. However, the handicapper appears to have taken a lenient view of West Tip's ability and Michael Oliver's seven-year-old is napped to beat Ardent Spy. Rupertine and Scot Lane.

West Tip entered many a notebook when finishing third to Sabin Du Loir and Dawn Run in the 1983 Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival and enjoyed a successful first campaign over fences last season with victories at Wolverhampton and Haydock Park and a fine second to Ballinacurra Lad in the Embassy Premier Chase Final at Ascot.

He was slightly disappointing when only seventh in the Sun Alliance Chase last March but even on that form has a sound chance here as he is 111b better off with Ardent Spy, who finished only just ahead of him in sixth.

Although backward on reappearance at Warwick a fortnight ago. West Tip ran well to finish sixth to the much-improved Run And Skip and will strip much fitter this afternoon. He stays well, acts in



Sharp contrast: Charcoal Wally is silhouetted against the Sunbury skyline during yesterday's Ladbroke Novices' Handicap Hurdle qualifier at Kempton Park. The five-year-old finished second to Firing Party (Photograph: Chris Cole)

## Hurst and Beau Ranger ride again

Beau Ranger and John Hurst continued their triumphant march forward at Kempton yesterday. Remarkably surviving a last fence blunder, this indomitable pair added the Ladbroke Handicap Chase to

the laurely they have already collected in five other races, including the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham.

It has been marvellous to watch the confidence shared between John the confidence shared between John Thorne's improving six-year-old and his young Birmingham-born partner this autumn as they have bowled happily along this season. Mistakes at the third fence from home nearly deprived them of success at Sandown and at Cheltenham, But yesterday it was the final obstacle that neraly proved their downfall.

"It must have been my fanit," Hurst said. "I asked him to stand hack, but the message must have

hack, but the message must have gone wrong. He put in a short one instead. However, he didn't seem to want to get rid of me and I certainly

didn't want to lose him."

Beau Ranger beat Lean Ar Aghaidh by eight lengths with the disappointing Carved Opal seven

"This is positively Beau Ranger's season, including the Challow ast appearance until the ground Hurdle at Newbury. "I thought he ries up," a triumphant Thorne said, got so tired today and it was the first including the Challow hire specially and it was the first including the Challow hardle at Newbury. "I thought he had not to the first including the Challow hardle at Newbury." I thought he had not much too fat. last appearance until the ground dries up, "a triumphant Thorne said. "I didn't fancy him a bit today, I "I didn't lancy him a bit today, I thought he'd got much too fat, particularly when he worked so hadly in a gallop on Wednesday morning. But it's great to see him and John getting on so well together. These boys can't get the winners unless they're given chances on deceme horses."

exciting afternoon's sport kept the holiday crowd on tenterhooks. In the day's feature race, the Feltham Novices Chase, Richard Rowe and Catch Phrase earned themselves a tilt at Cheltenham's Sun Alliance Chase with a dogged defeat of Darc Hansel, the 11-10 on favourite.

Buckbe, carrying the same colours as Wednesday's narrowly defeated hero, Combs Ditch, was on terms with the leaders and looking terms with the results and towards every inch a possible winner when she galloped straight through the third fence from home and paid the inevitable penalty.

Josh Gifford was delighted with
the performance of Catch Phrase,

won four races off the reet last

fences. He was going well enough when he fell at the tricky downhill fence in Lean Ar Aghaidh's race at For ouce John Francome had a

For once John Francome had a disappointing afternoon, Apart from the poor performance by Craved Opal, the reigning champion had had an earlier setback when The Reject fell at the third fence from home in the Kennington Oval Novices' Chase.

The 15-8 on favourite had just been headed by The Foodbroker, who galloped on strongly to beat Aren't We All by 20 lengths after The Roadster had come to grief at the final jump. This victory continued a remarkable spell of success being enjoyed by Peter

countries a remarkance spen or success being enjoyed by Peter Haynes, "That's my fifteenth winner of the season," the Chi-chester trainer said. The Foodbroker has taken well to

fences and Haynes now plans to aim the Chilean-bred nine-year-old at the Arkle Chailenge Trophy at the National Hunt Festival.

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Warwick selections By Mandarin 12.45 Hunter River, 1.15 The Shiner, 1.45 WEST TIP

By Michael Seely 1.45 Ardent Spy. 3.15 GOLD TYCOON (nap)

1.15 SCROOGE NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (£479:

1983: Patrocell 5-11-5 R Linley (7-4 tav) G Baking 14 tan. .ord Charles, 7-2 Freelal, 9-2 The Shiner, 6 Lot High, 8 Crumbs, rine, Mr Chow, 16 others.

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12.45 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE:

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21 HUNTER RIVER (D) F Walwyn 6-11-7 -0010 MOPSEY LOVEJOY 8 Savrana 4-11-2 ...

Fred Winter's only success of the afternoon came when Richard Linley rode Firing Party to a 10-length win in the Ladbroke Novices Handicap. "My horses haven't had much luck recently." Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin, who has been leading owner for the past two seasons, said, "However, Fred has always had faith in this horse just as he had in Half Free."

faith in this horse just as he had in Half Free."

The bearded Sheikh also had news of Gaye Brief, who disappointed when defeated by Browne's Gazettee in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham." Mrs Rimell said he must have had some kind of virus, He'll have a blood test n Friday, the result of which will determine whether he will go for Windsor's New Year's Day Hurdle."

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On the whole, panters had the worst of the aftenoon's exchanges but, for the fourth time this season, some befty wagers were strack over Chrysaer before Simon Christian's improving young horse; won the Avense Handicap Hurdie, Chrysaer was backed from 4-1 to 3-1 before drawing clear in the straight to beat the favourite, Star Of Screen, by 15

#### Excursion's success \* has family flavour

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Excursion's exciting win in the 20,000 Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown yesterday was a family affair. The geiding is trained in the north of Ireland by George Stewart for his wife, Rosemary, who also rode the eight-year-old to

Mrs Stewart's sister, Ann Ferris. made history in the spring when she partnered Bentom Boy to win the Irish Grand National, a race in which Mrs Stewart finished third on Dawson Prince.

Yesterday's race was one of changing fortunes, Rainbow War-rior taking a commanding lead atthe third last sence only to fall at the the third last tence only to fall at the second last. This left Sicilian Prince holding a slight lead over the favourite, Hard Case, and The Ellier, with Excursion making upground on the outside. The quarterfaced up to the final fence almost together but here Excursion appeared to take the ground of Hard Case, who fell.

Mrs Stewart managed to straighten Excursion out and he strode away to win by eight lengths. This was a first defeat over fences for Hard Case, thus ending his remarkable record of 1984; eight

George Stewart vetoed the suggestion that Excursion would be aimed at the Aintree Grand National, which is already the target for Bentom Boy. He plans to bring Excursion back to Leopardstown in February for the Harold Clarke Memorial Handicap Chase.

The big disappointment racegoers was the non-appearance in the Findus Beefburger Hurdle of Ararun. He twisted a shoe on Wednesday night and was slightly lame after pricking his boof with one of the pails. Paddy Mullins said the was an injury of no consequence. it was an injury of no consequence as far as the horse's future is concerned. In Ararun's absence. victory went to the odds-on favourite, Polar Bear.

Mullins will be hoping for better luck with the top weight, Passage Creeper, in the Black and Whise Whisky Handicap Hurdle this afternoon, Jim Dreaper believes that Kilkilowen will provide him with compensation for the fall of Hard Case by winning the handicap chase, sponsored by the same firm

5 21-40 RUPERTENO (CD) E Owen jun 9-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_R Strongs 5 029-0 WEST TEP (D) M Oliver 7-10-10 \_\_\_\_\_R Durwood

1983: Rupertino 8-6-13 R Stronge (15-1) E Gwen jun 7 mm. rdent Soy, 15-8 Rupertino, 7-2 West Tip, 8 Soot Lane.

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1 080-3 FUN PARTNER T Forster 5-11-4

1 0-902 GRIMA J Dudgeon 7-11-4

MESTER SKIP J Webber 5-11-4

PROSY GLEAM H Manniers 7-11-4

SO-02 SHANNE O O'Neil 5-11-4

J pp-27 SUNDAL D Micholson 6-11-4

J pp-81 TAKABUCK W McKenzie-Coles 6-11-4

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1983: Green Bramble 5-11-4 H Davies (6-4 fev) N Handerson 18 rat 7-4 Grizne, 5-2 Fun Partner, 100-30 Sundtal, 11-2 More Fun, 12 Miste Skip, 14 others.

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00 SHARAVOGUE G Prest 7/10-9 M Richer
10 SORE KATHY A Leighton 5-10-9 C Smit

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3.15 TINY TIM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,928: 2m) (10)

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10 1120- LADY TUT (D) T BS 4-10-13 G WESSON
13 13-00 MOURITAIN MAN (CD) P Brazington-9-10-11 C Jon
14 13-01 GOLD TYCOON J Spearing 5-10-11 (6 st) A Well
16 1-00 SNOWY SONDLAIR M Solaman 5-10-7
18 04-pp BROOKS LAW (CD) D BIOOMISIES 9-10-4 A Griffia
19 3/002 BATTEN (CD) B PBING 8-10-4 G MCCO
21 4-900 SPOTSYVANIA (D) P Bevan 6-10-2 G MCCO
22 2400 TEELAY (D) P Bevan 5-10-1 S Morsine

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10 DIAMA'S DELIGHT D Tucker 10-4 ...

GOLDEN HOME R Frost 10-4 ...

65 G W SUPERMARE D Elsacorth 10-4 ...

NTO THE FIRE (B) D Baworth 10-4 ...

22 MONSOON Pater Taylor 10-4 ...

24 MONSOON Pater Taylor 10-4 ...

D40 MOORLAND MADDEN M Pipe 10-4 ...

B430 PORTHAND D Burchel 10-4 ...

THATCHOVA P Hedger 10-4 ...

1963: Brown Rills 10-2 W Knox (7-2) D Burchel 17-1 ...

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5-2 Meziara, 3 Panto Princa, 5 G W Supermara, 7 Into The Fire, riband, 10 Monsoon, 12 Moorland Maiden, 14 Chezari, 16 others.

2.45 ST JOHN'S DAY TROPHY HANDICAP

221- THE COUNTY STONE J Thoms 7-11-11
221- MOOD MUSIC R Hodges 12-11-3
0000 HEYER (S) M Pige 8-10-11
22-10 KNGS SINGER B Forway 10-10-10
1-214 MANSTON MARALIDER J Fox 8-10-9
0492 OAKPHINE D PRICHS 9-10-5
2231 HOPE-FIL ANSWER G Baiding 11-10-0
3281 T ST WILLIAMS R Hodges 7-10-0 (Fest)
1001 SWEET MANDY (B) J Edmonds 8-10-0
4230 SABI (B) (C) N Thomson 10-10-0
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ST Wilson 100-30 Managero Marauler, 6 Homehu 4

15 WELLINGTON CONDITIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,016, 3m 1f) (19)

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6 21-30 PRINCESS SISS B Forsey 5-11-7
7 00-0 ZPARIB (CD) N Lies-Judicin 6-11-7
12 0p-09 MAJOR TOM Mass L Bower 7-11-8
13 20-42 FALIQ AND CONQUEROR G Kindersky 5-1
14 54-4 ARCTIC GPSY S PAIRIG 6-11-3
15 1359 HAND ME DOWN D Gendolfo 8-11-3
17 15-6 TAULCA W Reed 5-11-2
18 0y-0 PEDGY R POCCK 8-10-13
19 p044 GOLD IFLOOR (B) J M Bradby 7-10-13
20 030-9 SWIFT ENCOUNTER N THOMSON 5-10-8
21 349 HOPPFUL COURAGE T HAIBUTS 10-7 . Ser
24 0020 DERRYSHER FILET J RODER'S 7-10-7
25 10-9 HARLOW MILL M PIOS 5-10-2
27 pb00 ROTAL BUSICINS N Matchell 5-10-2
28 09-9 OTTERDEN (D) (B) A Judicia 10-10-2
29 p09-9 OTTERDEN (D) (B) A Judicia 10-10-2
20 pp0 SPICE LADY N Mitchell 5-10-0
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1963: Ziparib 5-10-6 R Dennis (13-2) N L. Judson 22 ra

7-4 Felidand Conqueror, 4 Princess Isls, 5 Peggy, 13-2 Ziperlo, Arctic Gipey, 10 Hand Me Down, Figure, 16 others.

3 St William, 100-30 Manaton Merauder, 5 Hopeful Answer, 7 xanty Stone, 8 Hever, 10 Mood Music, 12 Kinga Singer, 16 others.

6 R Arnott Greley 6-11-4 N Fear C Evens

CHASE (£1,730: 2m 3f) (11)

### The history ofan eccentric

By Peter Ryde There must be some golf clubs approaching their centessry in whose long history nothing of the slightest interest, except to their membership, has ever occurred. But there are others, not only championship courses, whose history much more than local in

because of some special circums

personalities involved.

Diligently researched, such a history can become a camen of history can become a cameo of social change, a repository of character study and anecdote. Such its the case with Rye-gelf club, whose first, 90 years have been devotedly researched by Denis Vidler in Rye Golf Club, £12.50). The study of family has been second. author's family has been associated with the club since its early days and the book is a slim, elegant hardback

which it is a pleasure to pluck-from the shelves.

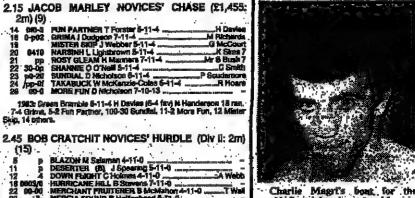
From the start Rye has attracted an elite membership. A. J. Ballous joined, and another Prime Minister. was well represented. Mr. Justice Avory took an interest and became its president, causing caddies to quake, and fighting a running battle with under-dressed sunbathers in

the nearby dunes. The club had a secretary to match its eccentric characters. A formid-able local lady stormed into the office of Dacre Vincent - whose son. that one of the groundstaff had been abusive in her presence. Vincent asked for a description, and on being told, replied; "Ah, that would be Ivel; he has a licence to swear".

Containing the lively story of a club that is renowned for the trueness of its winter greens and for its hospitality to visiting societies. foremost among them the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society, whose annual President's Putter will be renewed there in January, the L50 pages are adorned by sketches, They have been drawn by an expert in that field (Alex) Graham, known to a wider public and himself former captain of the club.

#### BOXING

#### World title bout for Magri



Magri (above), had agreed to sign for the promoter, Frank Warren, provided the champion's signature could be produced on a contract within 21 days. The condition was fulfilled with more than a week to spare, and the contest goes on at the Alexandra Pavilion, London, on February 20.

February 20.

This will be Warren's second world title bout within the space of 32 days: he is also staging the welterweight champiouship meeting between the American, Don Curry and Colin Jones, in Birmingham on January 19.

It will be Magri's first contest it will be Magn's liest contest away from the promotional numberlla of Milia Barrett and Mickey Duff. It will also be his chird world championship bout; he won and lost the title in the space of six months. In 1983.

#### TABLE TENNIS Getting in a spin

Pexing (AP) Using an inverted grip and perfecting the dimples on a bat, the Chinese have become experts at table tennis. Now they have invented a device to further perfect their game: an instrument that measures the speed of a spinning table terms ball. spinning table termis ball.

In one recent test, a loop shot by Wang Huiyuan spin at 171 revolutions per second – faster than aircraft engine, the official xinua news agency said yesterday in reporting the invention by the Ministry of Electronic Industry. The instrument can also test a player's spin-laden smashes and the

#### Snow seekers Berne (Reuter) - Two World Cup

alpine skiing events postponed this month for lack of snow will now take place in January, the International Skiing Federation said yesterday. The men's downhill support of the placember of the said yesterday. competition planned for December 6 in Val d'Isere has been moved to Kitzbuchel, on January II, and that planned for Bormio, Italy, on December 22 will be held at Wengen, Switzerland, on January

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOURTH division
Colchester Unhad v Port Vale.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Paiace v Luton (2.0). OTHER SPORT

Charlie Magri's bont for

orio nyweight championship was officially confirmed yesterday, with the arrival of contracts from Bangkok, signed by the defending champion. Sot Chitalada, of Thulland. Terry Lawless, the manager of

## for victory

difference in the spinning speed of a smashing ball exchanged by two players," the report said.

#### SKIING

BASKETBALL: Philips world, included club chargeonship (at the Netional Recreation Centre, Crystal Palace). MCCKEY: County chargeonship toursement Centris, Crystal Paisces.

HOCKEY: County championable southemarks functional: East (at Eurosports Village, Snottly Gate, near losselot. 1.30); Midands (at listellot) College of Higher Education, 1.20); Michi his Clusen Mary School, Lydnen St Aross, 10.30; West (at Chilarnham Ladies' College, 10.30).

West (at Chilarnham Ladies' College, 10.30), and 10.30; and

FONTWELL PARK GOING: soft 1.0 TORTINGTON SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£837: 2m 2f 110yd) (7

Miss P Fitch-Heyes 7 Miss Morardo BATULA PRINCE (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 8-10-4 Miss BOYAL RICHES (Mrs J Ford) G Gracey 9-10-4 Miss Both Princh Bob 9-9-10 Mr A Sharp 9-2 W G M Turner 10 ran.

7-4 Grange Heights, 11-4 Pempous Prince, 7-2 City Marathen, 13-2 Tight Schadule, 10 Pou Son. 16 citiers. FORBIT PORIFOUS PRINCE (11-6) 71 3rd and GRANGE HEIGHTS (11-3) another 10° back 4th of 8 to Ten Sears (11-10) in non seller at Folkestoms (2m ct., £784, heavy Dec 18), CITY MARATHON Lad 5th Inst bene, earlier (10-9) beat POMPOUS PRINCE (11-8) 11 in seller hear Garg 21° bys., £789, good to firm, Sept 28, 7 ren), BATULA PRINCE (11-3) 22 5th of 10 to Brit in Phimpton Nov chase Life 11, £1472, and Dec 11.

Fontwell selections

Cilerna Jet. 3.30 Double Swing. 1.30 SALMON SPRAY HURDLE (4-y-o: £3,791: 2m 2f) (4)

2-7 Jey Ride, 4 Avoron, 10 Soyne Salmon. Form: AVERON (11-3) 2! 2nd of 16 to Corn Street (10-10) at Warwick (2m hdfs, E885, soft, Nov 28, 16 run BOYNE SALRKON (11-10) short head fontwell winner over it's Tough (11-7) (2m 2f hdfs, E243, soft, Nov 29, 8 ran). JOY RIDE (10-8) 2! 2nd of 8 to See You Then (11-8) at Ascot (2m hdfs, E4839 (cod) to Soft Doc, 15) First one out JOY RIDE (10-10) 2's Windsor winner from AVERON (10-10) with BOYNE SALMON (10-10) beaten further 2's) in 3rd (2m hdfs, E1130, good to lioit.

2.0 WHITELAW CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,903: 3m 2f

BASH STREET KID (C) (Mrs V Langford) D Oughton 9-11-10
THE SOMAG (C.D) (M Firmersh) Mrs N Smith 7-11-4
MASTER NIBBLE (C) (G Nolmes) C Holmes 9-10-8
MASTER NIBBLE (C) (G Nolmes) C Holmes 9-10-0
GRAIGUENAMANAGH (A Catch) Miss L Bower 9-10-0
RIB LAW (B) (A Catch) Miss L Bower 10-10-0
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1983: The Somac 9-10-3 R Rowe (9-2) Mrs N Smith 7 ran. 5-2 North West, 3 Bash Street Kid. 7-2 Rio Law, 5 Master Nibble, 7 The Sorrec, 10 Buck

FCRM. BASK STREET KID bulled up test time, earlier (11-7) 5 Plumpton winner from Hot Match (10-13) (2m ch. £1,581, good to firm. Oct 17, 4 ran). MASTER NIBBLE, unplaced lest time, earlier (10-11 41 3rd of 8 to 7 acroy (12-2) at Plumpton (3m 11 ch. £2,040, soft, Nov 28). RIB LAW (10-0) 12; 2rd and NORTH WEST (10-1) 12; 10-4 and NORTH WEST (10-1) 13; 10-4) at Folkestone (3m 27 ch. £1,63), heavy, Dec 18, 4 ran). Previously NORTH WEST (10-3) at Unificial 2 across (10-4) at Folkestone (3m 27 ch. £1,63), heavy, Dec 18, 4 ran). Previously NORTH WEST (10-3) at Dec 19 to Rock Sent (10-5) at Unglield (2m 4t ch. £2,070, soft, Dec 8).

#### NEWCASTLE

GOING: soft (7.30am inspection 12 30 PARTRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £756: 2m 120yd)

80 S S SCHERROND (Lord Lambton) Denys Smith 11-1 CAMICHMAGE (B Yeardley Ltd) E Carrer 10-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Allen 19-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Allen 19-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Allen 19-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Allen 19-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Allen 19-10 COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) F A Musro Ltd) R COOL JAMIE (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Musro Ltd) R Musro Ltd (B) (A Musro Ltd) R Musro L R O'Leary

## Newcastle selections

By Mandarin 12 30 Camionnage. 1.0 Bowie Boy. 1.30 Grinders. 2.0 Searlet Terror. 2.30 Miss Apoilo, 3.0 Nohalmdun. Michael Seely's selection: 1.30 Mullacarry.

1.0 GROUSE SELLING HURDLE (4-y-o: £624; 2m 120yd) (7) 11-5 Bowns Boy, 3 Teucer, 9-2 La Di Da, 8 Valoroso, 10 Heckley Hinny, 15 others.

1.30 GAME BIRD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,973: 2m 4f) (6) 

us, 3 Preben Fur, 9-2 Skipd Back, 8 Super Solo, 8 Snow Blessed, 10 Muller 2.0 NORTHUMBRIA NOVICES' CHASE (\$2,415: Sm) (9)

5-2 Jocksmbal, 7-2 Geata An Ulsce, 4 Scarlet Terror, 8 Carpenser's Way, 8 Suprity Run, Day Of Waines, 20 others.

2.30 PHEASANT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,688; 2m 4f) (7) 

11 Bt 52 First Katt Finance

2.30 BRIGHTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £800: 2m 2f) (15) ATTHASSIGS J Brooks] T M Jones 10-8
BURNES LAD & Brooks] T M Jones 10-8
BURNES LAD & Wright) N Les-Judson 10-8
CANONISURY FLYER (N Linwood) Pet Mitchell 10-8
CLASSIG OWEN (NIR N Pride) R Alkers 10-9
COUNTRY CAP (R Townsend) W Kemp 10-9
DIAMONES HIGH (I Musson) P Mitchell 10-9
FORDANGESS (A Batisson) A Pitt 10-9
IL SARACENO (Mrg T Pinks) J Boaley 10-9
MEDIA BOY (Mrs H Popharm) Mrs N Smith 10-9
SAM PETE (Hargreeves Vending Ltd) K Curningham-Brown 1
SHENYOUP (H Maddever) R Carter 10-8
STAMPY (Airs J Stamp) J Bridger 10-9
YOUNG BUCKERS (D Nebbl) N Haynes 10-9
SURMINERHILL GOLD (Summerhill Stud) Miss A Sinctale 10-4
1963: Southerday 10-8 W Smith (10-1) P Haynes 17 Pen.
nds, 9-8 Young Buckers, 6 Stampy, 11-2 Media Boy, 7 N Barace **GOING:** heavy 12.45 BOB CRACHIT NOVICES' HURDLE (DIV 1:

FORMs COUNTRY CAP pulsed up lest time, had been bearen 20 when 4th of 18 (10-10) to Springle (10-5) at Towcester (2m hole, £578, good, Nov 15), DIABIONDS HIGH (10-10) bearen 2mede wher 3rd of 20 to Opening Bars (11-2) as Lingsheld (2m hole, £744, heavy, Dec 22, CANOMSBRY PL-10-10) on 10-10 as 13th and YOLING BUCKERS (10-10) bearen areasang rider 2 out. IL SARACENO (10-10) 22 3rd of 13 to Russborough (10-10) as Plumpton (2m hole, £548, £0ft, Nov 28, \$TAMEP! tailed off in good company lest time, previously (11-0 11-) 4th and MEDIA BOY (11-0) another 2 away 5th of 17 to Double Swing (11-0) at Newbury (2m 100yds hole, £1,577, heavy, Nov 23).

Refeccions DIAMONOS HIGH.

3.0 MADEHURST NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (£1,475: 2m 2f 110yd)

CILERNA JET (P Tory) P Tory 8-11-7
FIL DE FER (J Pelors) M Madgwick 6-11-0
TRICKY EXISINESS (J Bird) A Moore 8-16-12
RUNWICK PROSPECT (B Edgeley) Ness L Box
AWNING (M Harriques) M Harriques 6-10-1
1982: No corresponding race.

FORM: CILERNA JET (11-0) 4th when laking 3 out in Wineamon race won by Reckried Boy (11-5 2m ct. 1.7.73), good. Nov 15, 11 ranl, Fit. DE FER'S best effort over fences best esson and bod to Baron Blakeney (11-1) here (3m 3) 110 yds ct. 21, 970, heavy, Feb 8, 7 ranl, TRICKY SUSINESS (11-0) 371 5th and RUNWICK PROSPECT (11-0) 8th of 14 to the foodbroker (11-0) at obtaining (2m ct. 21, 277, heavy, Dec 15). AWNING (10-0) 21 2nd of 7 to Hopelul Answer (10-13) intections Fit. DE FER

3.30 BRIGHTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £548: 2m 2f) (7) DOUBLE SWING (T Hoyward) link 9 (1.5-y-0.1)

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PETIT PAIN (I. Sainer) F Wireer 11-0 ...

ATKINS (II) (C Hughesdori) S Switt 10-9 ...

BILACKGLARD (Mess K Marics) M O Halicran 10-9 ...

MEZUARA (III) (G Chagoury) A hightum 10-9 ...

SHINER'S PAIL (H Chamara) Mas B Wening 10-9 ...

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BESE Ployd 10-5 A Madiguetic (7-2) M Madguetic 19-9 Ministry 19-9 ...

Mexicara runs 2.15 Tayraton

8-13 Petit Part, 3 Double Swing, 9-2 Atkins, 12 Shiners Pal. 20 others. PORM: DOUBLE SWING (11-0) 24 Set of 13 to Wing and A Prayer (11-3) at Chebanham (2m hidis, \$4,123, good to soft, Dec 5), PETTI PAIN (11-0) 15! Hereford winner from Nader (11-7) (2m hidis, 12-14), soft, Dec 2, 17 ani, ATCRNS (10-10) was another 27 away in 6th and SPARTAN SAZAAR (10-10) was 12th SHINERS PAL (10-9) 7/1 4th of 19 to Thunder Rock (10-9) in Leicester Set (2m hidis, 2564, soft, Dec 4).

3 Miss Apolic, 6 Wold Rat. 8 Senbad, 12 Joe's Fancy. 18 other 3.0 PARTRIDGE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £769: 2m 120yd) (12) 

ndun, 7-2 Culat Fall, 9-2 Secret Walk, 8 Chronicle Lady, 8 Prime Sto aca. 12 Tromeros. 20 others.

Kempton results

Gaing: Good to soft

12.40 (2m chase) 1, THE FOODBROKER (A
Webb, 5-2); 2, Two Engles (A Webber, 16-1); 3.
Roudster (R Dumwood), 6-1), ALSO PAN: 8-15
igy The Reject (f), 50 Aren't We Ad (f), 5 ren,
NP: Bolends Cross, 20, dist, P Haymes at
Chuchesbur, TOTE: £2.80, £1.20, £3.20. DF
£28.80. CSF: £28.77. Roadster fell and
remounted.

remourance.

1.10 (2m hole) 1. FIRBNG PARTY (R Livley, 10-1), 2, Charcosi Welly (P Croucher, 20-1), 3, Buratropour (J Francome, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Dever. 6 Tour de Force, 9 Boassanose Boy (p.u.), Winart (6th), 10 Rudgefield (5th), 12 Beech Copse (p.u.), Welsh Ook (4th), 25 Burster, 3 Coastal Run (p.u.), 5 Sonobel Jim (p.u.), Premendante (p.u.), Administrator (p.u.), 15 ran. 10, 2, 17-1, 7, 5 f 7 Winter at Lambourn TOTE, 59.10; 52.10, 25.60, £1.60, DF: 598.20. CSF: 5172.28. TRICAST: 51.351.39

1.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, BEAU RANGER (J Hurst, 1.4); 2, Lean Ar Aghaidh (M Perrett, 15-8 tav); 1, Carved Opal (J Francoms, 2-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Homeson (f), 4 ran, 8, 30, J Thoma at 3ndgwater, TOTE: £3,10, DF: £2.40, CSP:

2.10 (3m chi 1, CATCH PHRASE (F Rows, 9-2; 2, Darc Hensel (S Smith Ecoles, 10-1) fari, ALSO RAN: 7-4 Buolose (f), 3 ran. 7l. J Gafford at Findon. TOTE: \$4.50. DF: \$2.10. CSF: \$8.09

2.40 (2m 4l) 1, CHRYSAOR (W Newton, 3-1); 2, Star Of Screen (P Barton, 2-1 fav); 3, Garabridge Jughar (J Franczone, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 5 County Player (8m), 13-2 Inchaponer (4m), 11 Allied Newchards (5m), 50 High Hoaven (I), 7 ran, NR: The Inish Rinne, 15, 18, 10, 3, 10, 5 Christian at Lambourn, TOTE 22.10; 21.10, 21.70 OF: 64.00, GSF: 22.74.

2.10 (2m 4f hole) 1, SUPER EXPRESS (C Fution, 5-2; 2, Russibususia) fit Rowell, 8-1; 3. April Prisce (J Francome, 9-2; ALSO RAN: 9-4 fax Pulda Najir, 9 Royal Charge (6m), 10 What A Pops (pd.) 12 Saint Action. 20 Mr Gregory (4m), Shielder, 25 True Prophet (pu), 33 Bombard (pu), 30 Charto, Forewa Grey, Free Buck, Karambun (pd.), Kaytonerry Royal, Latchworth (5th), Pearl King, Poetic Justice. 19

2.10 (2m 4f hole) 1. SUPER EXPRE

### ran. NF: Ouorata, 4l, 1 Yrl, 3l, 3l, 8l, R Smyth o Episona. TOTE: 26.20; 22.50, 22.50, 22.80, DF 224.90, CSP: 240.08, TOTE DOUBLE: 29.90 TREBLE: 2300.65, JACKPOT: 22.251.30. Wolverhampton

Going: Hardies soft, chase good to sett.
1.0 (2m hds) 1, Timure Doopte (H Devies,
13.8 fav); 2, Dorraziley Lad (50-1); 3,
Beitycrackers (5-1); 11, 151, 16 ran, NR-Hitybilly, T Forster, TOTE: 22.30; £1.10,
£14.00, £2.40, DF. £257.50, CSF: £75.72. 1.30 (2m ch) 1. King's Jug (G Charles-Jone: 8-11 favi: 2. Pomposity (20-1): 3. Dee Park (S 1). 1½, 2l. 7 ran. Mrs M Remet, TOTE: \$1.50 \$1.50, \$2.70. DF: \$7.30. CSF: \$13.15. 2.0 (3n ch) 1, Master Trecel (5 Morshead 13-5 tav); 2, Moor Gose (25-1); 3, Lorentino (5 1); 21, 30L, 7 ran. NR: Ernest, J. L. Spearing TOTE: 22-20; 51-40, 52-80. DR: \$14,10. CSI

2.30 (2m 4) cht 1, Emmande (5 Morshed 7-2); 2, Connaught River (2-1); 3, Crowecoppe (5-2 fav), 12, clst. 9 ran, NR: Fra May, J. 1 Spannin, TOTE: 23,90, 11.10, £1.50, £1.40 DF; £3.60, CSF: £13.86.

3.0 (2m 6) hotal: 1, Grundy Glow (M Bowley, 5-1); 2, Randomy (15-6 tay); 3, Trust the King (35-1); 12, 20.1 Sran, NPC Rache's Dalleys, kirs. J. Plaman, TOTE: 24.40; 21.80, 22.40, 210.20, DF: £12.20, CSF: £14.51, Tricasc £253.57 3.30: 1. Shipunight (J. J. O'Meil, 6-1); 2. Bakuchi (10-1); 3. Fire Bay (5-1), Mira Mac (6-2 fay, 3. 5. 17 ran. R Hollinshead, TOTE: 25.80; 22.00, 22-90, 52.40. DF: 845.50, CSF: 857.02. Placepot: £17.70.

 John Spearing completed an 11-I double at Wolverhampton vesterday with Master Tercel (13-8) in the Stafford Handicap Chase and 2.15 HOLLY TREE JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div ii: 2527: 2m 1) (17) Emmason (7-2) in the Astbury Trophy Novices Chase.

Tamton selections By Mandarin 12.45 The Mooche, 1.15 Valiant Dances, 1.45 Rhyme N Reason, 2.15 Meziara, 2.45 St William, 3.15 .15 HANGOVER NOVICES'

Evens The Mooche, 5 My Aleling, 6 Air Strike, 8 Leptenbel, 10 Relicina, 12 Redgrave Artist, 15 others,

HURDLE (£532: 2m 1f) (17) 1 1222 GOLD HUNTER (BF) R Hodges 4-11-7
2 0-p20 GOOD INVESTMENT (B) F Hollis 4-11-7 George Knight
4 0043- MISH WE LIAMS T Hallot 4-11-7 George Knight
5 10 ROYAL VALEUR S Mellor 4-11-7 Graving Holder For ROYAL VALEUR S Mellor 4-11-7 Graving Holder For SMEHUBOY (CD) R Hodges 4-11-7 SErie 7
9 041 SOME HOOR (CD) R Hodges 4-11-7 SErie 7
10 041 SOME HOOR (CD) R Hodges 4-11-7 SErie 7
10 041 SOME HOOR (CD) R Hodges 4-11-7 SErie 7
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1962: Singuiong Joe 5-11-12 J Suthern (3-1 fey) C Popham 20 res. 1222 GOLD HUNTER (BF) R Hodges 4-11-7 3 Some Moore, 7-2 Gold Hunter, 4 Hasty Tirlef, 13-2 Vallant Dencer, Tender Love, 9 Royal Valeur, 10 Solitaire, 18 others.

.45 NORTHOVER MANOR HOTEL ILCHESTER NOVICES' CHASE (£1,578: 3m 1f) (15)

34 p04p MONKYON NELL P Dufcag 5-10-8 ... 1982: No corresponding race TSEE: No corresponding race.

3 Claude Monet, 108-30 Lucky George, 4 Rhyme "N" Reason, 13-dc Beenty, 8 Air Space, 10 Brit, 14 Bay Forest, 18 others.

#### Course specialists NEWCASTLE

JOCKEYS: A Brown 18 witners from 72 rides, 25.0%; J J O'Nell 25 from 120, 20.5%; D Dutton 13 from 65, 20.0%. TRANSERS M it Exceptly 33 winners from 127 runners, 25.0%; N Crump. 19 from 97, 19.6%; J Fitzgerahl 8 from 47, 17.0%. WARWICK JOCKEYS: H Davies 20 winners from 88 rides, 22.7%; S Moraheed 10 from 56, 17.5; C Smith 6 from 45, 13.2.
TRANSFERS: A Armytage 12 winners from 54 ronners, 22.2%; J Webber 11 from 76, 14.5%; T Forster 10 from 75, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: P Barton 10 winners from 43 rides 28,3%; from 41, 14.5%; C Brown 13 from 92, 12.0%. THANKERS D Gandolfo 13 winners from 52 croners, 19.5 from 78,-17.1%; L Kenniard 22 from 134, 18.4%. FONTWELL JOCKEYS: 5 Smith Eccles 18 winners from 70 to from 53, 20,8%; R Rowe 29 from 202, 14,4%,

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England race to victory in failing light order batsmen took them to victory on a faster run rate in

England were reduced to 148 for five after India scored 252 for five in their quota of 49 overs, but Vic Marks, the all-rounder, and Paul Downton, the wicketkeeper, each hit 44

and tilted the balance.

Downton and Richard Ellison, another all-rounder, completed the revival by pushing the touring team ahead of India's scoring rate, and they were 241 for six when the umpires called off the match at the end of the 46th over because

England, whose better run rate was helped by their stealing swift singles in partial darkness towards the finis, lead 2-0 in the five-match one-day series. India, put in to bat after

David Gower won the toss, were seemingly well placed after Krishnamachari Srikkanth and Ravi Shastri shared a recordbreaking opening stand of 188. Srikkanth hit two deliveries from Marks and one from Phil

Edmunds for sizes as he and Shastri rushed to India's highest opening stand in one-day The pair were aided by several missed chances as they beat the previous best of 147 by

Shastri and Roger Binny against Australia last September. Gower turned to Mike Gatting in a bid to turn the tide and the England vice-captain had Srikkauth leg before one

Cuttack, India (Reuter) - short of his century as he aimed in the short of his century as he aimed to pull in the 37th over. Gatting fading light when their lower also bowled Shastri for an elegant 102, while Marks picked up three wickets during India's final assault before their quota the second one-day inter-national against India here of overs expired.

Gatting followed up his success with the ball by hitting 59 but England declined to 148 for five before Marks, a resourceful batsman in limited overs cricket, and Downton put on 55 for the sixth wicket.

Marks was savage on Binny, and a medium pace bowler, Ashok Patel, before being run out, while Downton and Ellison confidently steered their side to

K Sriduant LBW B Getting
R J Shastri B Getting
D B Vengserier o Glower b Maris.
Yashpel Bharma LBW b Maris.
M Ansamath not out.
R M H Binney b Marie.
S M Gevester not out.
Extras (0 5, 14 5, w 3, n-6 2)

England G Pwier o'Shasiri b Birney. R'T Robinson b Prabhakar.



CRICKET: LOWER ORDER BATSMEN ENSURE 2-0 LEAD IN ONE-DAY SERIES



Winning combination: Downton (left), not out 44, and Marks, run out for 44

## Australia claim off Lloyd's insurance

Melbourne (Reuter) - West Indies's record-breaking run of 11 consecutive Test wins ended here yesterday when a gritty century by
Andrew Hilditch enabled Australia
to force a draw in the fourth Test.
However, West Indies might have
harmed their chances of victory
when Clive Lloyd, the captain,
decided to bat 24 minutes into the final day with his side already leading by 346 runs.

By the end of the day West Indies bad dismissed eight Australians for 186, as the home side chased an improbable 370 for victory; but many were left wondering what would have happened had West Indies been able to bowl on for 24

because it's a difficult wicket as it West Indies until just before teap plays slow and low. It's one of those when Border was given out, caught wickets that if you didn't play your behind off Richards's off spin for shots, it was hard to get out. But I 41. Border, shocked by the decision,

West Indies complain

West Indies have lodged an official compleint with the Austra-lian Cricket Board over the behaviour of Geoff Lawson during the fourth Test. It's believed the West Indians are especially annoyed with Lawson's behaviour towards the umpire, Steve Randell.

wickets."
The prospect of a fourth emphatic defeat in the series must have loomed large for Australia when Garner dismissed Wood, Wessels

would have happened had West indies been able to bowl on for 24 minutes.

Despite the draw, however, West Indies set a new Test record of 27 for three. The giant Barbarian had Wood caught behind by Dujon for five and, with consecutive deliveries, bowled Wessels and had Hughes leg-before.

Hilditch, who beat his previous Test best of 85 against India in 1979, rarely looked troubled, and his partnership with Border held up because it's a difficult wicket as it west.

stood at the crease for several seconds before departing.
Matthews misjudged a delivery from the off spinner, Roger Harper, soon afterwards and was bowled Rixon went to a brilliant catch at first slip by Richardson off Haper.
Hilditch and Beanett sustained the resistance until the opener, having batted 339 minutes and hit seven fours, played on against

seven fours, played on against Larry Gomes's off spin. Australia were then 198 for seven, but Bennett and Lawson hung on until Lawson, having survived the

WEST MODES: First Innings 478 (I V A Richards 203, H A Gomes 68, M D Marshall 55, R B Richardson 51.

Haymes & McDermott
Prichardson & Lawson
A Gomes o Bernett & McDermot
A Flichards Bw b McDermott
J Dujon not out
H Linyd not out
Extras (b 4, l-b 9, n-b 6)

M D Marshall, A A Harper, J Garner, C A Walsh SOWLING: Lawson 19-4-54-2; Hogg 14-3-40-0; McDermott 21-6-65-3; Bennett 3-0-12-0;

Walsh, was bowled by the last delivery of the match.
Border said afterwards: "It was a great relief that we fought it out. Everyone fought hard and I thought when we were 17 for three it was a case of here we so again. "Most of us saw on television England being besten 5-0 by the West Indies and the same whitewash threat was always there for us. It's a load off The fifth and final Test starts in

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 296 (A M J Hildton 70, K C Wessels 90, M D Marshall 6-86.
Second Innings
G M Wood o Dujos b Gerner 5
A M J Hildton b Gomes 113
K C Wessels b Gerner 0
K J Hughes Inv Gerner 41
G R J Matthews b Harper 2
K J Habon c Richards 41
G R J Matthews b Harper 2
K J Habon c Richards 5
M J Bennett not out 3 Total (8 wids ).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-17, 3-17, 4-128, 5-131, 6-162, 7-198, 8-198 UMPIRES: P McConnell and S Rands

swept away in storm Sydney (Reuter) - A search was underway late last night for a crewman lost overboard in wild seas

**YACHTING** 

Search on

for man

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during the Sydney-Hobert yacht race. The man was named as Wal Russell, 70, a crewman of Yahoo II. As the maxi yacht New Yealand continued to maintain a 10.2 mile lead with more than a quarter of the distance covered. Yahoo II and the race radio boat, Wyuna, scoured the area where Russeell went missing, 18 miles off the New South Wales

coast.

Russell is an extremely experienced seaman who had sailed in 15
Sydney-Hobart races. A spokesman for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia said: "At present we are very positive about locating him. He knows the sea. He has been in far

But heavy seas and gale force winds up to 60 knots have already forced the retirement of a record 69 out of the 155 yachts which set off on the 630-mile course two days

Among those in trouble were Shenandoah III, which reported taking water at one stage, and the favourite for line honours, the Bermudan yacht Condor, which almost lost two crewmen after the

After 174 miles, Peter Blake's New Zealand was leading the depleted fleet. The round-the-world maxi led from Spirit of Queensland with the Swiney maxi Venescoe.

maxi led from Spirit of Queensiand with the Sydney maxi Vengeance, 12.2 miles further back.

But the hard luck story belonged to Condor which had built up a big lead before the steering went, forcing its English owner Bob Bell to struggle back to Sydney using sails.

"A large wave swept over us and washed the men into the safety lines but we managed to set them back on but we managed to get them back on board," said Bell, who took line honours in 1982 in Condor of Bermuda and in Condor last year. The weather bureau's latest forecast of southerly winds up to 40 knots combined with a heavy swell was more bad news for the

**Knox-Johnston** comes through

struggling survivors.

Melbourne (AP) - Australia have dropped Kim Hughes, their former captain, and Greg Matthews, the all-rounder, and omitted the injured bowler, Rodney Hogg, for the fifth Test in Sydney starting on Sanday.

Into the team come Bob Holland, the New South Wales leg spinner, Carl Rackemann, the Queensland fast bowler, and Greg Ritchie, the Omeasland batsman. Robin Knox Johnston has successfully completed the 4,500 mile Spain to Haiti Voyage of Discovery race after battling through 80 mph Hurrican Lily. Knox Johnston, the sole British entrant, salled into Santa Domingo fast bowler, and Greg Ritchie, the Queensland batsman. Hughes made his second duck of the fourth test in Melbourne yesterday, lasting only one ball. He resigned the Australian captaincy amid fears and controversy recently, following a run of bad results and controversy recently. without generator power or electri-cal instruments in his 60ft catamaran, British Airways I, finishing seventh.

After stepping ashore he said:
"We hit Hurricane Lily twice. We suffered considerable damage, our generator blew up, we had no electricity and no instruments."
However, he said, the boat stood up tian Test players.

Hogg has a back injury, which keeps him out of the match, and his replacement as the vice-captain wil

"At one stage we feared for the mast. The main sail was jammed and we had too much sail. It was a bit frightening because the yacht was going too fast but we are all in fine form and very well considering. BASKETBALL

## Solent have problem without best players

Whatever the merits of the rescheduled programme, one game is destined to attract more attention than any of the others. It is the only all-British first round game featuring the English and Scottish champions. Sperrings Solent Stars, who are in the hands of the Receiver, take on MIM Edinburgh. whose outstanding player, Alton
Byrd has not always made the most
charitable remarks about Solent in
his role as television commentator.
There would have been doubts
about Solent's presence, such is
their perilous financial situation,
had they not been able to receive hear perilons financial situation, had they not been able to receive free accommodation and travel expenses as league champions. Even so they come to the National Recreation Centre without their two best players, Callandrillo and Johnson. They have boycotted the

Without being too chauvinistic to the women who opened the proceedings in the eighth World Invitation Club championships, sponsored by Philips last night, the competition proper at Crystal Palace really gets under way today with the men's first round matches.

As all eight games are worth a view in their own right, the more's the pity that it will be impossible to give each one full attention. To accommodate the extra wheelchair and cadet girls' events this year, the main hall has been split into two for the first two days so that two games will go on at the same time. And this in spite of the fact that the programme is being spread over six days instead of five and previously four.

Whatevare the warte of the player's registration card, were understandably reluctant to let Moore play on their own court for

their greatest rivals.

Palace face Berlin tonight and West German opposition also awaits Kingeraft Kingston, who meet Leverkusen, Manchester, the other English club, play Solna from Sweden. Two former Philips champions, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Although Milan, regretiably, will not be able to defend their trophy because of a congested Italian League programme over the holiday, the tournament can still be automated to be selected with the

USUAI SUPPLY OF CONTROVERSY,
TODAY'S PROSABBRE: 1.10, Manchester w
Soiner, Atheles in Action w Ghorn 2.45,
Maccabl v Bratistiva, Solent v Edinburnt; 5.55,
São Paulo (Brazil) w Windsor (Canuta);
Kingston v Leveriusser 7.30, Crystal Palace w
Berint; Red Star Beigrade v Vienna.

**TENNIS** 

#### Big chance for three young men

Britain's Davis Cup team for the season began to take some shape yesterday when Pual Hutchins, the team managers, announced his squad for next month's King's Cup matches.

The three-man side for the European indoor team of the three-man side for the

The unree-man side for the European indoor team champion-ship in Essen, form January 14 to 20, is Stephen Shaw, who made his Davis Cup debut last September, and the uncapped players, Stuart Bale and Jeremy Bates, who, at 22, is the added of the trip.

is the oldest of the trio.
Hutchins said: "The King's Cup gives out younger players much needed experience in international needed experience in international team competition. I am hoping that all of them will emerge as serious singles contenders for the 1985 Davis Cup. Although the other teams in the competition are, on paper, higher ranked than us, I am hopeful we will be able to do well, particularly after Stephen Shaw's recent good form in Anstralia."

Shaw, in fact, is having such success at the moment that his world ranking has now leaped to 119, well above Britain's official No 1, Colin Dowdeswell.

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Britian play in the same group as Sweden, the recent Davis Cup winners, and Ireland.

places higher in the rankings -reached the US Open quarter-finals

only in Septimer.

First ROUNCE R Nixon (US) bt J Lloyd (US),
4-0, 6-3, 7-5; H van Boeckei (Neth) bt G
Whitecross (Ans), 6-3, 6-2, D Cassidy (US) bt
J Frandry (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; C van Remburg
(SA), bt M Bouer (US), 7-5, 6-2; W Master
(Aus), bt D Saitz (US), 6-3, 6-3; P Dochen
(Aus), bt J Alexander (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; B
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Pitzgerald (Aus), to D Masterd (RC), 6-2, 7-6; J
C Dowdeswell (GB), bt D Houston (Aus), 7-5,
6-2.

Melbourne (Renter) - John Lloyd (above), the No 1 seed, suffered a humiliating defeat in the first round

Open championship here yesterday. Lloyd was beaten 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 by an

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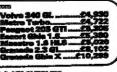
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30 Pop Quiz Special presented by Mike Read. Duran Duran and Spandau Ballet in a test of pop music knowledge. .05 Film: The Boy Who Turned Yellow (1972) starring Mark Dightman and Robert Eddison The first showing on British

television of this Pressburger and Powell film, produced by Foundation, about a schoolboy who suddenly turns yellow and is joined by a like coloured isitor from outer space. i.00 News with Frances Coverdale. 6.15 Regional news.

. i.20 Christmas Knockout 1984 from the Ice Drome, Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Stuart Hall representing Bottrop in Germany, Tourcoing in France 7.10 Film: North Sea Hijack (1979)

starring Roger Moore, James Mason and Anthony Perkins. gang of ruthless men seize a North Sea oil rig and hold it to Directed by Andrew Y. McLaglen (Ceefax). ws with Frences Coy

9.00 Miss Marple: The Body in the Library. The third and final episods of the murder mystery tarring Joan Hickson as Miss Marple. (Ceefax). .9.55 Manilow's Christmas Magic. Barry Manilow in concert at the International Arena at the

Birmingham National Exhibition Centre. ..... 0.45 Film: Brief Encounter\* (1945) starring Cells Johnson and Trevor Howard. Noel Coward's classic love story about a man and women who are both happily married until they meet one another on a railway station. Directed by David Lean (Ceefax).

12.10 Harty goes to Hollywood. Highlights from Russell Harty's series shown during the summer. 1.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.90, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sprot at 6.39 and 7.37; guest, Brian Blessed, from 6.45; exercises at 6.46; Jan Welsh's consumer news at 8.43; and Roland Rat at 9.00.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines followed by A Christmas Carol. An award-winning animated film of Dickens classic tale, narrated by Michael Redgrave with Alastair Sim recreating his screen role of Scrooge.

10.35 Beniff's Very Own Christmas Story, with Ron Moody, 11.00 Silver Spoons, The story of the first Christmas enjoyed by Ricky Stratton with the father 11.30 Film: Mystery at Castle House (1981) starring Ray Maegher. Australian-made thrifler about a mysterious mansion which th ee children are exploring when the elderly, eccentric

owner returns unexpectedly. Directed by Peter Maxwell: 1.00 News at One, 1.20 Thames 1.30 From Star Wars to Jedi: The Making of a Saga. A making of a sage. A documentary about the making of George Lucas's trilogy – Star Wars, The Empire Strikes Back and

Return of the Jedi (Oracle). 2.45 Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbed (1973) starring John Phillip Law, Caroline Munro and Tom Baker. Sinbad acquires a third of an amule! that possesses mystic powers. Koura, an evil magician, wants the piece so that he can achieve supreme power. Directed by Gordon Hessier.

4.45 The Videogame Game, A documentary that follows the fortunes of two young boys who decide to form a softwara

company. 5.15 The Smurfs. 5.30 Thames weekend news. 5.45 News.

5.00 Police 5 Special Shaw Taylor reviews the successes of his Police 5 series over the past 6.30 That's My Boy. Situation

comedy starring Mollie Sugden as the mother newly reunited with her adult son she gave away to foster parents when he was a baby (Oracle). 7.00 Survival Special: Wideawake Island. A documentary made by Cindy Buxton and Anne

Ascension Island, a tiny volcanic island between South America and Africa, where large colonies of sea birds, 8.00 Do They Mean Us? Derek turtles that have swam the 1400 miles from Brazil and species' of strimp found only on the island, abound (Oracle)

European front. Directed by

review of the major events of the year. Presented by Martyn

of a three-programme drama

12,40 The Jackson Route. Part one

series about the rivalry

between two teams of mountaineers.

1.35 Peace, presented by Giff

10.05 Film: Ryan's Daughter

11.50 The Making of '84. ITN's

8.00 Films Ryan's Daughter (1970) starring Sarah Miles, Robert Mitchum and Trevor Howard. 8.45 Fanny and Alexander. Part two of ingmar Bergman's childhood journey and Farmy's Beautifully filmed and acted drama about a young kish girl. married to a school teacher somewhat older than herself, while playing the ghost in forced to join the grieving relations at the bedside. ireland, it is 1916 and Republicanism is rife and the local contingent are awaiting a 10.05 Film: The Curse of supply of arms smuggled from Germany. Posted to the nearby British garrison is a shell-shocked officer from the

Frankenstein (1957) starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. Vegetating in prison, awaiting the death sentence to be carried out, Baron Frankenstein tries to convince his jailers thenit was not he who was responsible or a series of murders but a sub-human creature he had created. Directed by Terence Fisher. 11.25. Film: Dracula (1958) starring

Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing. Bram Stoker's classic chiller about a count who is in reality a vampire who can only survive with his nightly dose of warm human blood. Directed by Terence Fisher. Ends at 12.50.

refurbished in The Tenor They

tapping of our tear ducts, the odd frisson of fear, and a grudging recognition that there might exist a viewer or two able to absorb something more substantial. continues to be the pattern for holiday programming on the four TV channels, and you should not hope for a reprieve until the New Year celebrations are over. You will need to switch on the radio to remind yourself that Christmas is not necessarily a time for switching off your powers of discerment. And, of today's radio programmes, I particularly recommend the penultimate episode of Denis Constanduros's fine dramatisation of Pride and Prejudice (Radio 4, 11.05am); Alan Haydock's feature

Remorselessly cheerful

entertainment, the occasional

W C Fields: on Channel 4 about the overlooked British tenor Tom Burke whose reputation is

BBC 2

1.45 Richard Rodgers: The Sound of His Music. Gene Kelly and Henry Winkler present this tribute to the master compose

who wrote more than a 1,000

vic barriore. There are also clips from his many films, starring Mary Martin, Bling Crosby, Al Jolson and Maurice Chevaller (/).

Chaplin cocking a snock at those who turned against him

in the Forties. He plays King Shahdov who flees to New

York when a revolution ousts

him from his throne. The king

tails victim to commerical exploitation and also to the

Committee. Directed by

5.15 News summary with subtitles

.5.20 Penrose. A profile of Str Richard Penrose, surrealist painter, art critic, writer and farmer, who died earlier this

5.50 Telly Quiz presented by Jerry

6.20 Choir of the Year 1984. The

7.30 Diving. The Godwin

China.

final of the competition,

sponsored and organized by Sainsbury's, and six choirs

have 10 minutes to prove that they are better than the other five. Introduced by Cliff Morgan from the Opera

International from the National

Sports Centre, Crystal Palace.

Highlights of a competition

the best woman high-divers from the United States and

Jameson with highlights of his series plus new material

correspondents explain to their readers how we live in

illustrating how foreign

held earlier this year between

Un-American Activiti

Charles Chaplin.

3.25 Film: A King in New York\*
(1957) starring Chartle Chaptin
A political film, with Chartle

9.00 Ceefax

CHANNEL 4

11.00 The Seed and the Sun. Bamber Gascoigne is the narrator of this documentary that examines the rites of mat examines the mes of passage in Ancient Egypt and the Egyptian Book of the Dead. The ancient Egyptians believed that death could be sidestepped with help from the Sun God, Re, and Osiris, the cod of Eertitiv. who wrote more than a 1,000 songs and 42 shows, Among those who sing his praises and his words are Sammy Davis Jr, Lena Horne, Peggy Lee and Vic Damone. There are also

god of Fertility.

Film: Never Give a Sucker an
Even Break" (1941) starring
the immortal W. C. Flekts as a the inmorate w. C. recos as a failed scriptwriber who adopts the daughter of a trapeze artis after her mother is killed in a fail. Together they make for Mexico and a series of hilarious adventures, Directed by Edward Cline.

American Football presented by Nicky Home and John Smith. The main game featured is from Los Angeles where the Hams play the New York Glants. There are also highlights from the game in Seattle between the Seattle Seahawks and the Los Angeles Raiders

3.35 Film: The Time Machine (1959) starring Rod Taylor. H. G. Wells' classic science fiction thriller about a Victorian scientist who builds a time machine and travels through two world wars to the year 202 701 when he helps a ific race in their reluctant Fight against subterranean monsters. Directed by George

5.30 The Tube presented by Jools Holland, Paula Yates and Murtel Gray. A special "In concert" edition featuring Daryl Hall and John Oat the Wembley Arena, Sade and B. B. King at Newcastle's City Half and the Clark Sisters at London's Dominion Theatre. 7.00 Channel Four news and weather.

7.30 Treasure Hunt Christm Special Anneka Rice is in the Beljet helicopter skimming over the Holy Land on the instructions of Ltz Kidd and anet Wood who receive clues to the treasure's whereabouts from Kenneth Kendall.

8.30 The Barron Knights Show. The talented comedy imprassionist group in hitarious send-ups of, among others, Billy Joel, The Flying 9.30 Vidal in Venice. Part two of

Gore Vidal's exploration of Venice and the American writer examines the reasons why the city has been visitors.

10.30 Film: The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes (1970) starring Robert Stephens. Spoof production featuring the famous Conan Doyle character. At a loose end the invitation to a night at the ballet. It proves to be the beginning of a case that involves himself and his faithful Dr Walson (Colin Blakely) with spies and danger and a meeting with the Loch Ness Monster. Directed by 12.45 Closedown

Picturegoers, preferring to watch television are well catered for today. Top of my list is David Lean's Brief Encounter (BBC 1, 10.45pm). I can quote every next line before I hear it, but the pleasure of reacquaintaince with Coward's

dialogue never grows less. A simple masterpiece. Which is more than I can say of another Lean film.

7.30pm); probably the first

CHOICE

Radio 4 On long wave. † Also VHF stereo. 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News; Prelude.† 6.30 News; Farming Today. 6.55

Weather.
7.90 News; Matins for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.† 7.30 Today, including 7.30, 8.28 News. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 7.55 Weather. 8.00 Today's News. 8.25 Sport.
8.30 Smesh of the Day. The Hitch-Hitter's Guide to the Galaxy (r).†
9.00 News.

Hiter's Guide to the Genery Up.

9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs. The
castaway 13: The Jazz Planist,
the late Earl Hires (r).

9.45 A Proper Little Gent: The Story of
the Rector of Stifficey. With Rey
Gosting.

10.30 Five Decades of Alistair Cooke's
Letter From America (5): The 80s.

10.45 Natural selection Box:
Rectorest.†

11.00 News: Travel.

Redbreast.†

News; Travel.
Pride and Projudice by Jane
Austen. (5) With Elizabeth
Coursell as Elizabeth Bennet and
Frank Barrie as Darcy (\*).†
News; Stilgoe's Around. Richard
Stilgoe at the Ideal Home
Exhibition.†
Cludie . . . . Unquote with Roy
Hattersley, MP, Jessica Mann,
Sally Miles and Brian Sibley (\*).
12.55 Weather.

12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.90 Sounds Like Winter. An anthology of words and music.
Taking part are Barnard Hill.
Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Francis
Matthews.

Matthews. 2.30 News Cuiz of the Year, With Alar 2.30 News Linz of the Year, with Alar Coren, Ann Lessle, Oliver Pritchett, David Taylor, John Weits and Gittlan Reynolds (r).† 3.00 News; Masters' India. John Masters's saga of the Savage family spanning the years 1825-1948. Book Three: "The Lotus and the Wind" (4).

and the Wind" (4).
4.01 News.
4.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston looks back over 12 years as presenter of this programme.
4.45 Winnie-The-Pool by A. A. Milne. Final episode. Read by Alan Bennett.
5.00 PM: News Magazine; Travel.
5.35 Asterix In Britain (5). 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

Raport.
6.15 Victorian Christmas Miscellany 7: Food (followed by an interlude).
6.30 Not A Penny More, Not A Penny Less by Jeffrey Archer (5): Ascot

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Christmas Punch, Simon Hoggart has a few thoughts on . . . rounding off the Christmas week.

that had far too much money sperit on it. A treat for the eyes, though. Having been hooked by the first instalment of Ingmar Bergman's Fanny and Alexander, you will allow nothing and no-one to stand in the way of your seeing part two (BBC 2, 8.45pm). And the good news for W C Fields addicts is that Channel 4 is screening Newer Give a Sucker Called the Lancashire Caruso (Radio 4, 9.30pm); John Tydeman's repeated production of Shaw's The Doctor's Dilemma (Radio 4, broadcast anywhere of Spohr's oratorio The Fall of Babylon (Radio 3, 7.30cm); written for the 1842 Norwich Festival is screening Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (11.45am).

Also recommended: the second and final part of Vidal in Venice

Ryan's Daughter (ITV, 8.00pm), a high, wide and handsome love story that had far too much money spent

(Channel 4, 9.30pm); ITN's review of the most newsworthy events of the dying year, The Making of '84 (ITV, 11.50pm) and the final of the Choir of the Year contest (BBC 2, 6.20), with the original field of 260 choirs reduced to a mere half dozen.

Peter Davalle

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7.30 Shaw At Christmas: "The Doctor's Ditemma" by Bernard Shaw. With Derek Godfray, Sarah Badet, Gary Bond and Stephen Murray (1).1

Sadet, Gary Bond and Stephen Murray (r).†

9.15 Crossing Swords. Traditional sword-dance teams take to the streets of Sheffield.

9.30 The Tenor They Called The Lancashire Ceruso. The life and career of Tom Burke who died in 1969. For a decade, this ex-miner from Leigh, Lancashire, was among the greatest singers of his time. Contributors include Dame Eva Turner who partnered him in Cavellaria Rusticana.

10.15 A Book Al Bedtime: Just Resting! by Leo McKern. Last of eight perts. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.00 The Meaning Of Christmas. A meditation for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

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11.15 Emlyn Williams reads from Dickens.

11.45 Radio Brynslencyn.†

12.00 News; Weather.

12.15 A Sideways Look At . . . by Anthony Smith (followed by an Intarlude).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Elgar's overture Cockaigne; Stamitz's Sinfonia Pastorale in D: Simona Pasiorale In D: Weniawski's Foriman is the soloist) † 8.00 News. Morning Concert (contd): Kodaly's Dances of Marosszek;



Terry Wogan: a farewell (Radio 2, 7.30am)

Donizetti's Quartet No 13 in A
Mithaud's La Creation du
Monde.1 9.00 News.
9.05 This Weeks' Composer:
Prokoflev. Bolshol Theatre
Orchestra in excerpts from The
Stone Flower; and the LSO play
Symptomy No 7 (Pravin
conducts).†
10 Three Romanus

conducts);†
10.00 Three Romantic Plane Sonatas:
Edith Vogel plays Chlopin's
Sonata in 8 minor, Op 58.†
10.30 Langham Chamber Orchestre:
with John Williams (guitar),
Bach's (arranged Williams)
Concerto in Emejor, BWV 1042;
Weiss's Tombeau sur la mort de
M Cajetan, Baron d'Hartig;
Handel's (arr Williams) Concerto
in F Op 4 No 5.†
11.10 Beethoven; Brandis Quartet play

in F Op 4 No 5.1

11.10 Beethovent Brands Ouartet play the String Quartet in C sharp minor Op 131.1

11.50 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish SO (under Handley). With Moray Weish (cello). Part one. Edward McGuite's Source; and Dvorak's Cello Concert (contd): Tchaillovsky's Symphony No 2.1

1.05 Concert (contd): Tchaillovsky's Symphony No 2.1

1.45 Stuttgart Plano Trio: Haydn's Trio in G minor, H XV 19; Shostakovich's Plano Trio No 2 in E minor Op 67.1

2.30 Bruckner: Mass in F minor.

Shostalcovich's Plano Trio No 2 in Eminor Op 67.1

2.30 Bruckner: Mass in F minor. Vienna SO, Vienna Boys Choir, Chorus Viennensis (Harrer conducting). With solicists Schreier and Hornik.†

3.35 Vega Wind Guintet: with Stuart Allen (bass clarinet) and John Blakely (plano). Jenacek's Miladi; James Dillion's Le rivage: Sexton's Echoes of the Glass Bead Game; Mozart's Guintet in E flat K 452.1 4.55 News.

5.00 The Octave of the Nativity (6) A reconstruction of the Aspersion and Mass of the Holy Innocents, given in Mexico City Cathedral 1658. London Cornet and Seckut Ensemble: Pro Musica Sacra.†

Sacra.†
6.00 Howard Hanson: Eastman-Rochaster Orchestra play the Symphony No2.† 6.30 Guitar Music: Julian Bream's recital includes works by Robert De Visée, Silvius Leopold Weiss, and Sor.1

7.00 Broomhouse Reach: The final movement of Colin McLaren's comedy in six movements co-starring David de Keyser and Timothy Davies.† Sooht: The Fall of Babylon, Meredith Davies conducts the Royal Choral Society and Engli

Royal Choral Society and Englis Chamber Orchestra. Soloists: Laureen Livingstone, Patricia Wright, Catherine Denley, Mary King, Neil Mackie, Julian Pyke, Peter Hall, Brian Rayner-Cook, Michael Beneral Chamber Cook, Michael Chamber Cook, Michael Beneral Chamber Cook, Michael Beneral Chamber Cook, Michael Beneral Chamber Cook, Michael Chamber Chamber Cook, Michael Chamber Chamber Cook, Michael Chamber Chamber



Jessica Mann: Quote, Unquote (Radio 4, 12.30pm)

9.35 Evolving Ideas: Professor Stephan Jay Gould, of Harvard University tells Colin Tudge why Darwhism must adapt if it is to

survive.

10.20 From the Bergen Festival: Arve
Telefsen (violin) and Audum
Kayser (plano). Tarrini's Sonatz in
G minor (Oevil's Trill), Valen's
Sonatz Op 3; Grieg's Gavotta.†

11.00 Ayres for the Theatre: Parley of
institute to fea south by Branch 11.00 Ayres for the Theather Parley of instruments play works by Purcell and his contemporaries, including James Paisible.1
11.30 From Strains So Sweet: Emma Kirkby (soprano), Anthony Rooley (lute) and Philip Pickett (recorders) present an omithological sequence.1
11.57 News, Umil 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave, † Also Vriff sterne.
News on the hour (except 9.00pm).
Headines 5.30sm, 6.30sm, 7.30 and
8.30. 4.00 David Yarmai, † S.30 Ray
Moore, † 7.30 Goodbye Nr Wogan. Terry
Wogan hangs to his Radio 2
microphone, † 10.00 Jimmy Young, †
12.00pm Steve Jones † Including 1.0s
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Including 2.02, 3.92 Sports Desk. 3.30
Music All The Way; 4.00 David
Hamilton's Music Show; † 4.02 5.05
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6.02 Sports Desk. 6.46 Sport and
Classified Results (MS) only, 8.00 Friday
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Entertains, With Night Option, 9.55
Sports Desk. 10.00 The Pandom
Jottings of Hings and Braidet, 10.30
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conducts a 40-year survive! American
popular music composed by women, or
played or sung by them (1), 17.00 Stuart
Halt 1.00am Peter Dicksom.\$3.00 Big
Band Special,† 3.30-4.00 String Sound.
The music of Frank Chacksters.

Radio 1

On medium wave. † Also VHF stares.
News on the half hour from \$.30am and at 12 midnight. \$.00am. †
Adrian John. \$.00 Mille Read. 10.00 |
Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies. including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Mark Page. 4.30 Select. A-Diac with Pater Powell. \$5.30 Newsbeat. \$4.55 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy Peebles. 10.00-12.00sm The Friday Flockshow.†
VHF RADHOS 1 & 2: 4.00sm With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00sm With Radio 2.

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HTV As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.30 News. 12.40am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except 6.00pm-6.30 Wales

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am-11.30
Smurts Christmas Special. 1.20pm-1.30
News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45
Northern Life Review of 1984. 5.00-6.30
Northern Life. 12.40am Treasure of the Holy Spirit, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-8.30 About Anglia. 12.40am Eavesdropping, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Granada reports. 5.15-5.45 Calahan – Appointment in Rangoon. 6.00-6.30 Granada reports. 12.40am Hawali Five-0. 1.35 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00-6.30 Calendar. 12.40am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except 11.00am-11.30 Christmas with Benson. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.30 News. 12.40am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News. 5,15-5,45 Flintstone Froitcs, 5,00-8,30 North Tonight, 12,40pm Reflections. 12,45 News, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00am-11.30 Night the Animals Talked. 1.20pm-1.30 News, 5.15-5.45 Making of Supergraf, 6.00-6.30 Coast to Coast. 12.40am Company, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.45 Film: Sturts, 4.15-4.45 Wind in the Willows. 5.15-5.45 Christmas Story. 5.00-6.30 Channel Report. 12.40am

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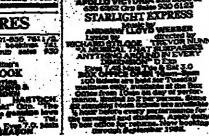
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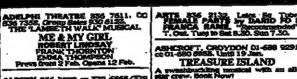
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Four hundred workers will be taken on at Longbridge Bir-mingham, to increase or put of Metros from 3,800 a seek, to 4,100 and to prepare for the launch of the 1.6 line Rover

That car is a more powerful version of the 1.3 little Rover which appeared is June and it will use an Austin Rover engine in place of the spanese power unit. Its introduction will enable production of the midrage Rover family to be increased from 1,200 a week to

Two hundred workers will be taken on at Cowley, Oxford-shire, where the management has been struggling unsuccess-fully to reach production targets for most of the year.

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The additional workers will enable Cowley to be brought into fine with the much more efficient Longbridge plant.

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Delays in building up pro-duction of the Montego estate at Cowley have cost the company dearly since the car was launched nearly three months ago. It is being hailed as the estate car of the year

#### Chernenko back in public view

Moscow (Reuter) - President Chernenko of the Soviet Union. whose absence from the funeral of Marshal Dmitry Ustinov brought concern for his health, presented medals yesterday to a group of writers.

Mr Chernenko's absence from Monday's funeral was attributed by medical experts and most Kremlin analysts to prudence in not venturing out in temperatures of minus 8 deg



Abandoned: A forlorn face that says it all. (Photographs: Orde Eliason).

### Abandoned victims of festive season

By Robin Young

Two thousand people visited Battersea Dogs Home yesterday and carried away nearly 100 of the 723 dogs of all shapes and sizes which had ended up there after Christmas.

There is still severe over-crowding in the 124-year-old charity's kennels, because more abandoned animals were being taken in as fast as others were heing adouted. being adopted.

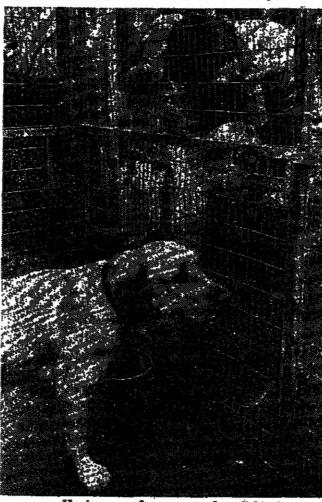
About a twelfth of the dogs which arrive are thoroughbreds, and rather more are pupples. The number reclaimed by their owners varies little from about 15 per cent, leaving the home to find new owners for

"We have some wonderful dogs which would make wondogs which would make wonderful pets for a lot of people",
Mr Bill Wadman-Taylor,
manager of the home, said
yesterday. "Overcrowding has
been building up over the weeks
before Christmas and though
our declared policy is never to
put down healthy animals overcrowding does increase risks of
infection. Buying a dog now
might be saving its life." The home is open from

9.30am to 4.30pm for the sale of dogs, except for New Year's Day it takes in newly abansed strays 24 hours a day. If last year is anything to go by the worst of the Christmas



pup to a new home in Richmond, Surrey.



Hoping . . . for someone less fickle

#### Not enough drivers 'stay low' at Christmas

Continued from page 1 those arrested for drink-driving offences overall remained roughly constant.

Other counties reporting a slight increase in the number of motorists failing breath tests were Lincolnshire and Kent.

On Merseyside and in the Glasgow area the total of drink-driving offences fell slightly. A spokeswoman for Strathclyde police, said that 43 cases had been reported during the three days up to and including Boxing Day compared with 55 last year. Spokesmen for Cheshire and South Wales police forces said that positive breath tests were at roughly the same level as for 1983.

All of the police forces contacted by *The Times* stressed that the end-of-year campaign against drunken driv-ers still had nearly a week to run and this could well affact the final trend. But if the final figures reflect any upsurge in drink-driving cases, the Department of Transport will un-doubtedly be criticized by road safety authorities for its low-key advice to Christmas and New

Year revellers.

Instead of calling for a complete ban on alcohol, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for transport, urged drivers to limit their drinking under the slogan: "Stay low or you might live to regret it".

#### Man-made comet launched Continued from page 1

Creation of the "Christmas comet" had been set for December 25, but was post-poned by had weather. Mr Ousley said data from the British satellite, travelling just behind the West German one, would be relayed to British scientists. scientists.

The aims of the experiment are to see how comets are formed and how the solar wind interacts with the Earth's magnetic field.

Natural comets are thought to be made of ice and dust that travel around the Sun in elliptical orbits.

Researchers said the arti-ficial comet, formed when the sun makes the barium atoms radiate coloured light, would help them to adjust instruments for the appearance in antenn of the Glacobini Zinner comet and for Halley's comet in 1985-86.

Traveller with a mission

## Man in blazer with cargo of secrets

The passengers on the early morning Air Sinai flight from Cairo to Tel Aviv gazed with a mixture of annoyance and curiosity as they waited impatiently behind the unruis-takably British-looking figure in a blue blazer who was shepherding an apparently endless collection of bulky white canvas bags into the

Had they recognized the leaping silver greyhound on his blue tie (an emblem whose history dates back to the reign of Charles II) or been able to inspect his maroon passport, they might have realized that the cause of the delay was a Queen's Messenger, one of the elite corp of around 30 couriers who unstintingly carry vital communications between far-flung networks of

British diplomatic outposts.
Their baggage may contain secret intelligence assessments, even pieces of security equipment such as replacement parts for cipher machines. But they do not carry arms. Behind the Iron Curtain, they are always given a British escort.

As the Egyptian-piloted jet made an unsteady take-off on a route which still remains a prestige target for Palestinian extremists opposed to Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel, the retired naval commander from Dorset kept a close eye on his cargo spread across three adjacent seats. Over a breakfast of rubbery cheese and lukewarm coffee, he explained some of the quirks of a job which involves and of a job which involves an average of 250,000 miles of air travel a year - more than some airline pilots.

some airline pilots.

Members of the corps, headed by a superintendent in London, were ex-servicemen recruited through an old boy network whose guidelines had never been clearly defined. "Basically, you suddenly find youself being asked whether you want to become a Queen's Messenger," he told me. "They then ask you questions, like what would you do in the event of a hijacking, and you attempt not to give too attempt not to give too damned silly an answer."

Demanding and securing absolute loyalty from its tight-knit membership, the corps engenders considerable pride among those who serve in it. But the feeling is growing that, due to financial cutbacks, the perks in terms of prestigious invitations at the various diplomatic ports of call have

been dropping away. "Once you have safely handed over your bags, you are often left to your own devices," the courier explained, amid smiles from the young Arab air hostess, who seemed to regard the whole procedure like something out of a spy novel,

The little-publicized activities of the service suddenly emerged from the shadows with the publication in 1982 of a thriller entitled The Queen's Messenger by Robert Duncan. Written with strict Foreign Office vetting, the idea was sparked by a chance encounter in a Singapore bar between the author and one of the messengers, Lieutenant-Colo-nel John Kimmins. A taste of the style is given by the blurb:
"At Hong Kong airport, the
unthinkable happens. A
Queen's Messenger, a highly
trusted diplomatic courier, goes missing - and with him a key dispatch from a top secret Western intelligence source, deep in the Communist-in-fested jungles of Thailand".

The highly readable book takes as its starting point the most exotic of the journeys regularly undertaken by the run from Peking to the British Embassy in the remote Mon-golian capital of Ulan Bator. My travelling companion said he had made the journey several times in recent years.

It was apparent that he and his fellow messengers were not overly taken with the steamier side of Mr Duncan's book. which recently appeared in paperback. "The facts as they went were fairly accurate, but there was too much sex." he explained.

The messenger was reluc-tant to go into detail about the conditions of service, beyond stating with undisguised approval that the key was the understanding that the loss of a single bag would mean immediately forfeiting the job which is understandably much coveted by ex-British service officers with a yen for travel to far away places. An exception had been made, he explained, when some bags were blown up after a hijacking. Even then, the courier had been asked on his return to the Foreign Office why he had not stayed with

Christopher Walker

#### THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

#### The sales

Starting today

John Lewis, Oxford Street, Brent, Cross (ends January 5); Peter Jones, Sloane Square (ends January 5); Sloane Square (ends January 5); Jones Bros Holloway Road (ends January 5); Selfridges, Oxford Street (ends January 31); Heals Tottenham Court Road and Tunsgate, Guil-dford, Surrey (ends January 26); John Levis Honder and country John Lewis (London and country-

London and countrywide): London Bedding Centre, 26/27 Sloane St,

Cyrus Carpets, Piccadilly, Maples, Tottenham Court Rd; Moss Bros (London and countrywide); Deben-hams (all branches); Allexon (London and countrywide); Boots

#### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,621

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- Female given thirty days after demonstration (5).
- 4 Seemingly changing mood in Hugo's character (9). 9 Like Figaro's calling to Rosina, perhaps the start of love (9).

  10 Gates both ajar, letting in returning prince (5).

  11 Spot family making pot (6).
- 12 Sweetment (8).
  14 Getting committed to filling in forms under pressure (3-7).

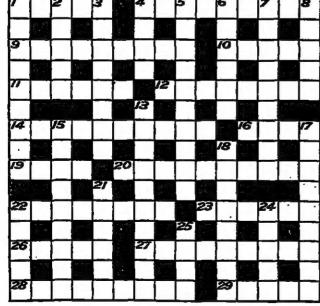
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1 Dump nothing in the mountains

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  2 Athletes' way to show the flag 3 Man perhaps said to be King (8).
- 4 Sally (not Miss Brass) causes Daniel to lose pound (4).

Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow



- - out (6).

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    Getting a pig meant, say, an awkward chore (5).
- 13 Retreat to get a good grip on things? (10). 15 Permissive middy on the way out (4-5).

  17 Preview is in favour of new estate (9).
- Domestic providing comfortable retirement (8). 21 World power with grisly sound-ing nickname (6). 22 Trinket boom returns. Where? In Paris (5).
- 24 Conveyance for clerk in A Tale of Two Cities (5). 25 Horses impress at Stamford



(London and countrywide); John Lewis, Edinburgh (only); Scotch House (all brancges except Knights-bridge); Barkers, Kensington. British Home Stores (London and countrywide); Ki West Furs, 21 Heddon St; Regent St; Jaeger (London and countrywide); Reject China Shop (London and countrywide); Allders, Croydon; Woolworth Clandon and countrywide); London

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Dickins and Jones, (London and countrywide), Regent Street; Richmond; Milton Keynes; Simpson, Picadilly; Country Casuals, (London and countrywide); Mothercare, (London and countrywide).

#### Anniversaries

João Domingos Boutempa, pian-ist and composer, born 1775; Sir Archibald Gelkie, geologist, born 1835; Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of USA, 1913-1920, born 1856. Sir John Fortescue, military histories, born 1856. istorian, born 1859. Deaths: Lord Macauley, 1859. Maurice Ravel, composer, 1937. Vittorio Emmanuele III, ex-king of

#### Today's events

Last chance to see Pastels by Francesco Clemeute, Fruitmarket Gallery. 29 Market Street, Edinburgh, Mon 10 to 6 (ends today).

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#### Food prices

Financial and digestive hang-overs may be eased, and New Year resolutions encouraged, by the knowledge that fruit and vegetables plentiful. The British Farm Produce Council predicts that there will be more than enough potatoes (whites 8-10p a lb, reds 9-13p a lb) and most too many carrots (8-14p a

Onions, at 15-20p a lb, Swedes, at Onions, at 15-20p a lb, Swedes, at 10-16p a lb, turnips at 14-25p a lb and parsnips at 15-25p are also in abundant supply. The same goes for cabbages at 12-20p a lb, kale at 18-22p and Brussels sprouts 15-20p, the one exception among winter greens being cauliflowers, which are scarcer and dearer than usual.

Salad ingredients, such as lettice.

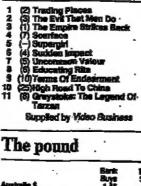
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Salad ingredients, such as lettuce, tomatoes, celery and cucumber are in seasonal short supply and relatively expensive; but Chinese leaves, at 40-50p are good buys. Findus have recently introduced frozen. New Zealand asparagus spears at £1.49 a 200-gram carton. There are lots of apples – Cox's at 25-40p a lb, golden delicious, 25-35p, Grannie Smith's 25-40p — and pears: Conference 25-35p; Comice 35-40p. Chrus fruit include Spanish Navelina oranges and Jaffas at 8-20p each, depending on size, satsumas 24-32p a lb and clementines at 35-45p. New season Canary Islands, Israeli and South African avocados are 30p to 50p each.

Meat prices are unlikely to show much change in the poss-Christmus period, but British Home Stores have a six-week food promotion.

period, but British frome Stores have a six-week food promotion, with rump steak reduced to £2.59 a lb, stewing steak at £1.19, brisket at £1.49, unince at 99p and fresh, whole chickens at 79p a lb, Sainsbury's have beef topside at £1.98 a lb.

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#### Roads

London and South Rast: A315: Temporary lights and single alter-nate traffic in Kensington High Street at junction with Old Court Place, M3: Contraflow on Londou-bound carriageway at junction 1 at Sunbury Cross flyover and A316 approach road. A249/M29: Diversions via Chiltern Hundreds roundabout ar Detling, Kent. Midlands: A12: Temporary sig-rals on Lowestoff to Versel model.

talls on Lowestoft to Yoxford road at Wrentham. A57: One lane with temporary lights near Lincoln racecourse, Lincolnshire. Al: Lane closure, northbound at junction 14, Alconbury flyover.
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North: A6125; Roadworks, with delays on Great North Road, at Newcastle. AS805: Bridge building in Waterloo Park, on Blackpool Road, Preston Lancashire. A562: Single-lane traffic, with delays at Sankey Brook, Warrington, Cheahire.

Wales and West: A30: Temporary lights on Oakhampton to Launceston road, Devon. A31: Stop/go boards at Roger Hill, Bere Regis. A491: Northbound carriage-way closed; contraflow on south-bound carriage-way closed; contraflow on south-bound carriage-way fin Swindon.

Scotland: A1: Traffic lights W of Trament, East Lothian. A978: Waverley Place and Albert Street, Aberdeen, dosed.

Information supplied by AA.

#### Swiss speeds

The Swiss Government has announced the following new speed limits in the republic from January I: In built-up areas, 50 kph; outside built-up areas 80 kph; motorways 120 kph. Diverging speed indications are clearly marked. The limits are to be monitored by radar.

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#### Weather forecast

Pressure will be high to E of the British Isles as a trough of low pressure crosses NW from the Atlantic.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N, NE England, E Midlands: Fog patches mostly clearing, sunny perioda, dry, wind variable, light, Max temp 3-5C (57mel Islands, SW England: Fog

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Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: NW areas mostly cloudy with rain and citzzle, SE districts dry with summy intervals after overnight fog. Near normal temperatures in NW, rather cold or cold in SE.

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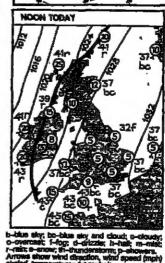
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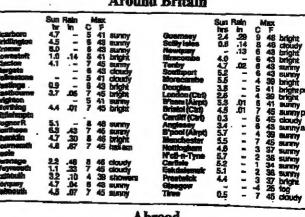
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